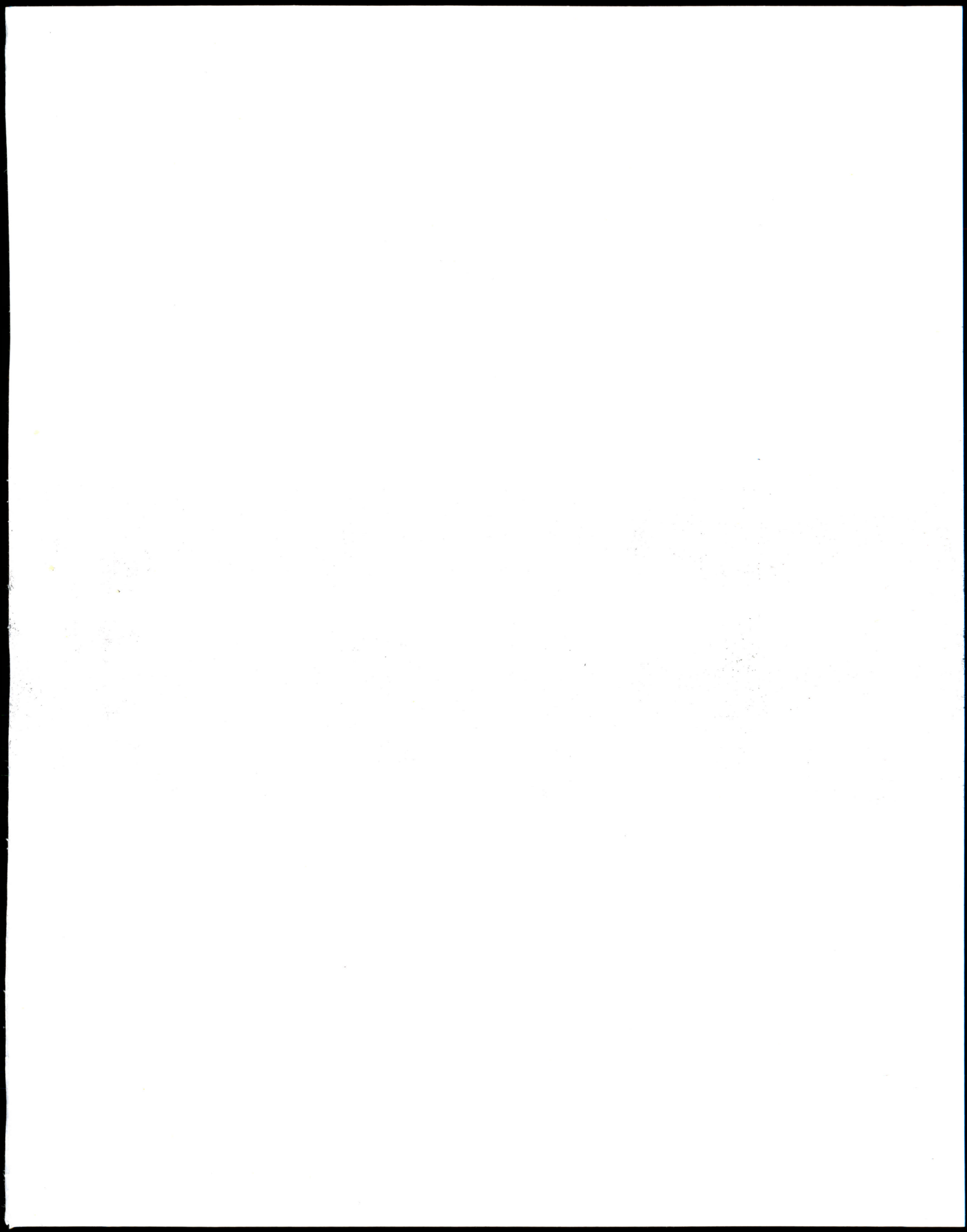
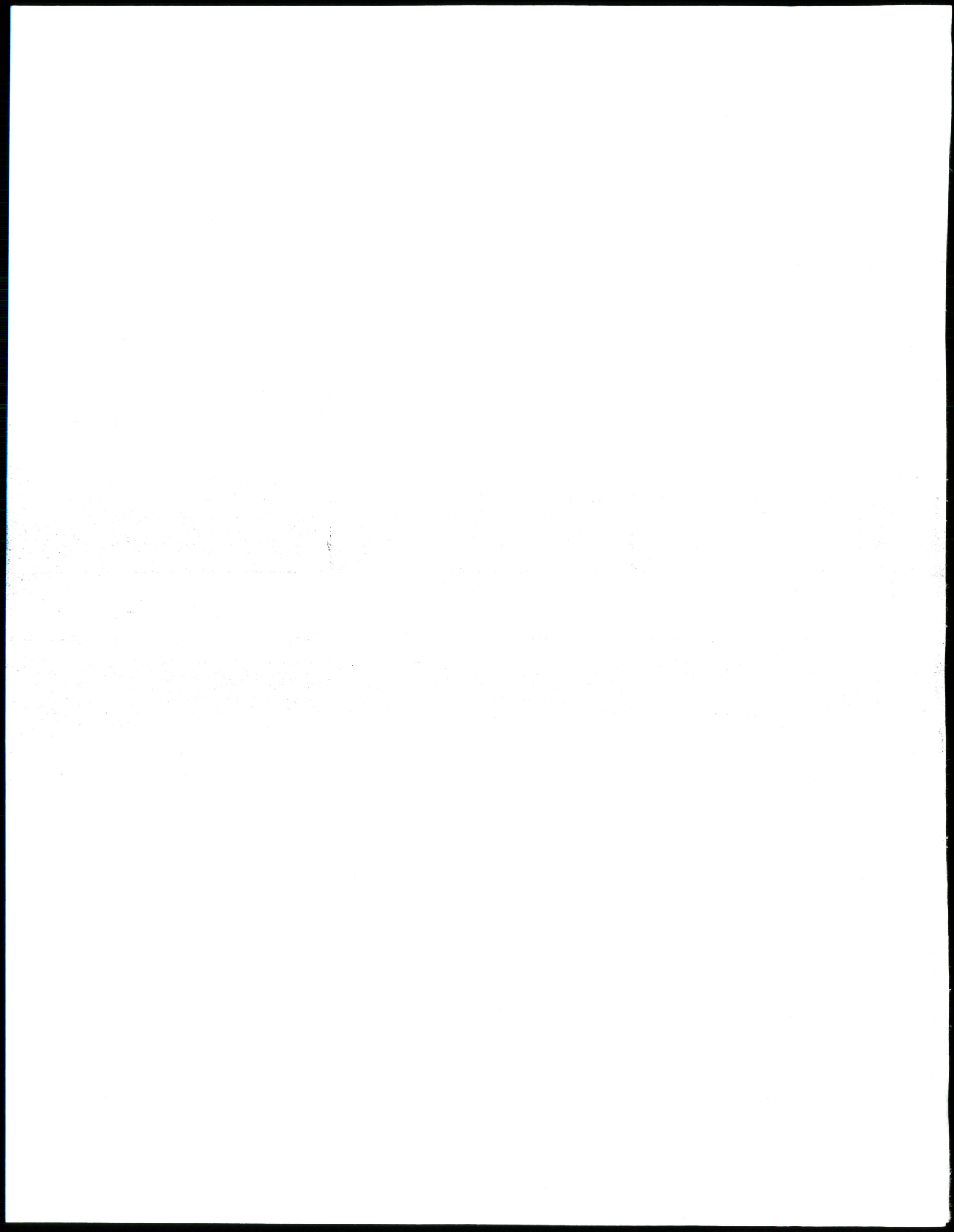


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The Gault Fine Arts Center

Renovating a building, rejuvenating our liberal arts foundation



Top, the long awaited opening of the Gault Fine Arts Center. Above, Harriet Norrie (left) who received the President's Medallion for her vision in the college's designation as an All-Steinway School, is joined by her husband, Bill, and Steinway pianist Marilyn Shields-Wiltsie.

In a time of economic hardship and political unrest around the world, it would seem that the arts would increasingly be seen as a luxury in everyday life and campus life. At Martin Methodist College, that isn't true.

With unemployment rates rising steadily, small liberal arts colleges must articulate the benefits of a liberal arts college versus a profession-based institution. This is where Martin Methodist College shines.

The arts, including music, art, dance and writing, help us make sense of the world around us and speak a universal language of hope. The Martin 2010 plan called for the renovation of the old gymnasium, seen by some as low on the priority list when compared to other needs on campus. But, the reception the new Gault Center for Fine Arts received at its grand opening, and the attendance at events hosted by the center since, prove that the college made the right decision.

We all need a home, a place where we feel comfortable, where we are supported and nurtured. The arts programs at MMC now have a home. The choirs and musicians and actors and artists can now focus more on their crafts and less on how to work with inadequate physical space.

The Gault Center for Fine Arts is just one of the goals in the college's long range planning. It sets a precedent of quality for future renovation projects. It is with pride that the Martinaire is dedicating this issue to the arts; we hope that by shining a light on the arts and the new building, Martin Methodist College's commitment to providing a well rounded education will now have physical proof of that commitment.



- Drama -

The Tempest Shakespeare on the Green



The cast: Barry Rich, Rachel Hage-wood, Stephanie McLean, Tyler Mereness, Jaye Phelps, Jeff Zarle, Michael Poirier, Samantha Nightingale, Amber Mitchell, Lisa James, Jenny Bodine, Melissa Brumit, Alex Smith, Zach Soloman and Derek Looper.

B.B. Wolf and the Great Christmas Caper



Kimberly Andersen, Samuel Christopher, Emily Clayton, Calvin French, Lauren Grimsley, Nicole James, Sonya James, Hannah Kennedy, Shawna Kennedy, Rachel Kightlinger, Austin King, Bill McCain, Lovey McDonald, Samantha Nightingale, Jaye Phelps, Kayla Philips, Josiah Po'e, Barry Rich, Dakota Shouse, Christina Stampfly, Meredith Thomas, Alyssa Tischer, Velvet Waits, Jessie Wilcox, Lydia Wossum-Fisher, Mary Ruth Wossum-Fisher

Check Please!

Directed by David Alford



From left to right: Costume designer, Lovey McDonald; Daniel Green; Stage manager, Hannah Kennedy; Jaye Phelps; Barry Rich; Kahle Reardon; David Alford; Rachel Hagewood; Stage manager, Betsy Cossentine; Mark Hagewood; Stephanie McLean; Ashlee Kirkendall

The Laramie Project

Directed by Daniel Green



Back row, from left to right; Samuel Christopher, Daniel Green, Barry Rich, Michael Poirier, Jaye Phelps, Dakota Shouse; Front row: Meredith Thomas, Alyssa Tischer, Rachel Hagewood, Shawna Kennedy, Lydia Wossum-Fisher, Hannah Kennedy

- Concert Choir -



Members: Kristin Burkhalter, Cody Christoff, Jennifer Bodine, Elizabeth Cashion, Alex Hancock, Samantha Nightingale, Heather Morris, LuCretia Mitchell, Kathryn Williams, Ashley Baez, Hannah Kennedy, Liliana Hernandez, Courtney Pylant, Amber Mitchell; Middle row: Stephanie McLean, Barry Rich, Jeff Zarle, Dakota Shouse, Alex Abernathy, Matthew Baxter, Adam Holman, Caitlin Hopper, Brittany Davis; Front row: Cofie Toy, Brittany Bumbalough, Ashlee Kirkendall, Katie Dobbins, Anita Murphy, Steven Turner, Josiah Po'e, Kevin Crawford, Philip Galyon, Russel Clines, Ramon Jimenez, Mark Hagewood, Albert Hughes.

Director: Mark Hagewood



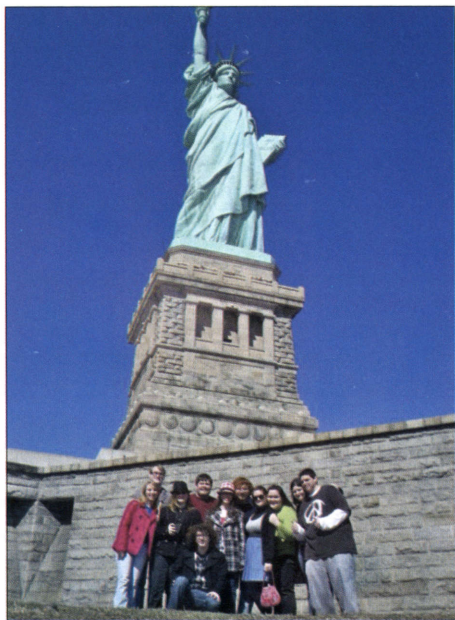
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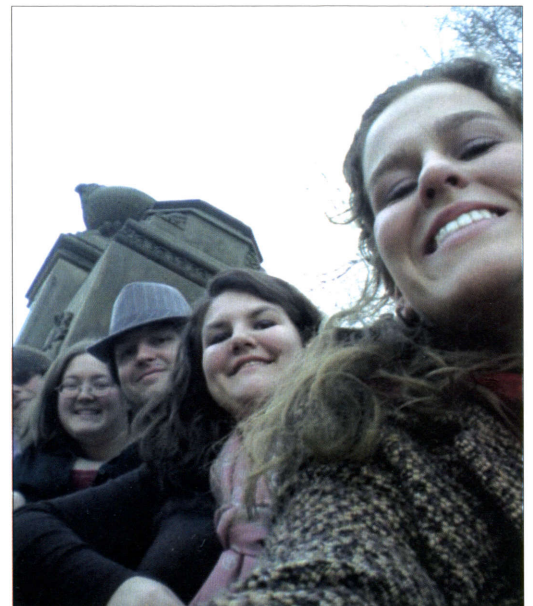
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Ashlee Kirkendall
Stephanie McLean
Amy Novakoski
Barry Rich
Steven Turner
Jeff Zarle



Spring Tour 2010



The Chamber Choir and Concert Choir once-in-a-lifetime trip to New York City. Above, the Chamber Choir is set to perform at President Brown's home church, Kemble Memorial United Methodist, in Woodbury, New Jersey.



Global Rivers Art project heads north



Ashley Baez
Student Storyteller

Before "Going Green" became the latest trend, Bernice Davidson came up with the concept of the Global Rivers Art Exchange. In 1996, while working at an inner city school for music and art in Cleveland, she took students to the Cuyahoga River for an art project. This river had originally been a part of the passage of the Underground Railroad, but due to industry in the area and toxic waste dumping, it was and still remains, one of the most polluted rivers in the United States.

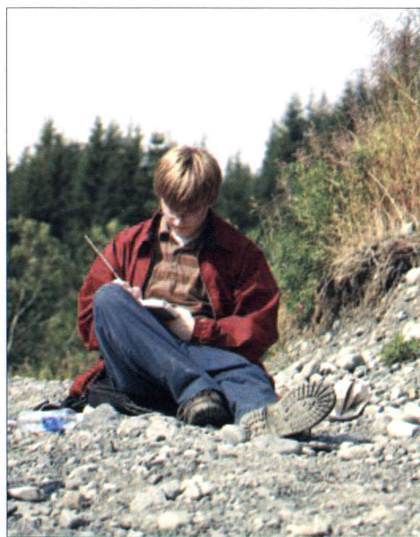
Students first used the river as an inspiration for their artwork and then began to wonder what other bodies of water were being affected by pollution. A couple years later, Bernice received grants from the Ohio Arts Council, as well as other funding, and was able to travel to Ghana, Africa, in hopes that their river would be a warning sign for them to protect their water. What Bernice discovered was that the waters in Africa were just as polluted, but the experience sparked the beginning of the Global Rivers Art Exchange. Later that year, she also travelled with several paintings to Volgograd, Russia to study the Volga River, and to Mexico last summer.

In the summer of 2009, she travelled to Cordova, Alaska, one of the areas greatly affected by the Exxon-Valdez oil spill that occurred in 1989. This time, however, Bernice was joined by five students from Martin Methodist College, myself included. While there, we visited the Copper River Watershed Project where we met Kristin Smith, director of the project, and she educated us about the massive destruction that the oil spill caused 21 years ago, but also about the people in the Prince William Sound who are still experiencing the effects of the spill.

We also learned of the impending troubles ahead for the Watershed; the Alaska oil pipeline runs into the river for about 20 percent of the waters course into the Prince William Sound. The predicted problem, as Kristin informed us, is that the pipeline (at that time) is 33 years old, although its intended use was only for 30 years.

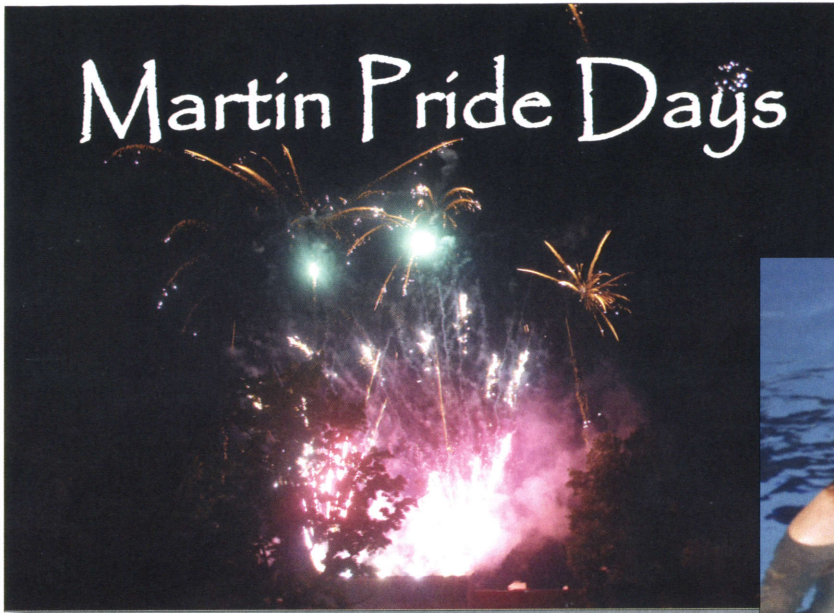
During the last couple days of our trip in Alaska, Bernice travelled to Valdez to unveil 25 Global Rivers paintings that would be displayed at the Valdez Museum. The paintings were then returned and displayed in the Gallery of the Gault Fine Arts Center at Martin Methodist College.

What began as a project for students at an inner city school in Cleveland, Ohio, has now expanded due to the passion and dedication of Bernice Davidson. Recently, NASA has taken interest in the Global Rivers Project. Partnering with Bernice, they intend to showcase the Global Rivers Painting at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, this summer as part of an earth and skies exhibit. The project also has a website and a YouTube video with more than 500 viewings. Bernice writes in her blog: "People around the world have copied our slide show and posted it to their own websites. It appears in sites from such diverse places as: Telugu, Indonesia, Russia, and the African continent as well as on websites, such as the Wiser Earth Foundation." She hopes to continue the expansion of the project and travel to other places, spreading the word about the importance of keeping the world's water pure.



Top - Child's Glacier caught in the act of calving. Above left - The MMC contingent captures Alaska's beauty through art. Left, Caleab Farley enjoys the creative environment.

Martin Pride Days



Beach party on the square...
Pool and cookout party...
Fireworks!



Moving in....





First Year Experience

MMC's First-Year Experience Program was established this year, as we celebrated our first year of having more than 1,000 enrolled students, and welcomed the Class of 2013. The purpose of the First-Year Experience Program is to assist new students in their successful adjustment to the academic and social aspects of campus life. This is accomplished through students' participation in the First-Year Experience Seminar (FYE 101) class and the summer and fall orientation programs, involvement in campus clubs and organizations and attendance at workshops and programs organized by the Student Resource Center, Career Services, Student Activities and the FYE Program Office.

Each of the First-Year Experience Seminar (FYE 101) classes completed a service-learning project where the students were able to address the needs of the local community, while also developing important teamwork, leadership and organizational skills. From hosting holiday parties for senior citizens and children, and organizing book fairs and fitness festivals, to educating others about the need for clean water around the world and the dangers of tobacco use, the students enthusiastically embraced the college's commitment to community service. In all, the first-year students completed over 2,000 hours of community service, and worked together to make a positive difference in the lives of Giles County's citizens.



Top, Alex Hendry, Justin Cathey, Racheal Kightlinger, Simone Coleman, Brett Gleason and Wheezy Walker compete in the "Back Over Your Teammates" challenge. Samantha Overson helps a little boy make crafts. Right, the "survivor" Red Team winners from left are Jessica Wilcox, Hannah Savage, Ashley Kicklighter, Josh "Spanky" Marks, Jenee Morris, and Dillon Sands



Above, Racheal Kightlinger and Brett Gleason compete in the pass the orange relay, while Wheezy Walker and Ashley Kicklighter look on. Right, Ashley Kicklighter and Alex Hendry dress up for the kids at Boo Out.





Program Profile Criminal Justice

By Kiera Prosen
Student Storyteller
Criminal Justice Major

In 2005, Martin Methodist College created the Criminal Justice Department and, according to program chairperson, Dr. John White, student enrollment is on the rise. He said there have been more female students than male students since the creation of the department, with the ratio of 3 to 1. The graduate numbers in the criminal justice program have risen from 3 in 2005 to 12 in 2009. Dr. White says many of his students go on to attend graduate school, while others have entered a career in the criminal justice field.

Due to the evolvement and expansion of the criminal justice system, the Criminal Justice Department here at Martin Methodist College has expanded its menu of courses. The growth of the criminal justice system can be attributed to scientific and technological advances. One example is the course "Digital Crime Scene Replication." The demand for the skill of digitally re-creating a crime scene has grown over the years. Another example of the Criminal Justice Department's ability to adapt and expand is the recent addition of the class entitled "Forensic Science," which will be offered for the first time in Fall of 2010.

Criminal Justice major T. Brooke Michael says she wants to become involved in the criminal justice field because she has always wanted to help people and she grew up around the criminal justice field. CJ major Matt Dyer says he chose the Criminal Justice

Program because crime fascinates him; he wants to help fight crime.

Another CJ major, Maria Robinson, says that with the economy the way that it is, a job in the criminal justice field may be a little more stable. She says that the criminal justice is a steadily growing field, is very hands-on and exciting. Criminal Justice students are being taught to think on their feet about big decisions.

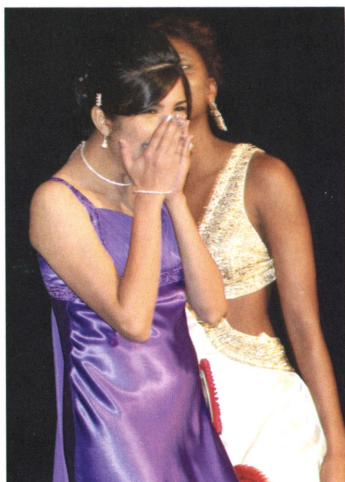
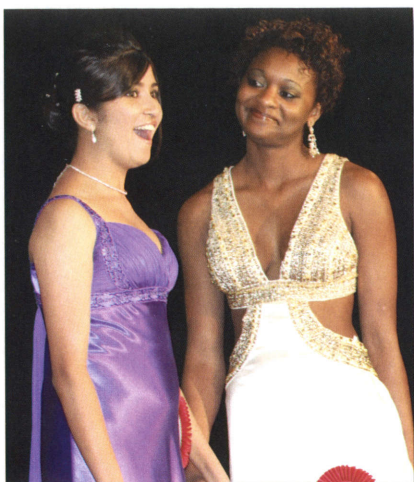
Criminal Justice major Holly Robbins says that throughout her life, she has been through many serious situations, including having two friends commit suicide, the murder of her best friend and drug use in her family. She wants to help make a change in the world.

Samantha "Samm" Jones says she wants help people, whether it is saving someone, like pulling a child out of a home full of domestic violence, or just listening to someone who needs advice.

"The way I feel about things, if I can help one person out of 1,000, it's an accomplishment," said Samm. "You can't save everyone from their problems, but helping just one person makes it all worth it."

Samm would like to work with juveniles.

"Some people look at kids who have gotten into trouble and think that they are a lost cause. I'm the opposite, I think that if they can get help and learn how to change themselves, they can turn into great people," she said.



Ms. Martin 2009-10 Shiphrah Dass



The Ms. Martin court left to right: Ms. Congeniality, Hannah Kennedy; Lacey Neuenschwander, third runner up; Adrianna O'neal, first runner up; Shiphrah Dass, Ms. Martin; Alexandra Fitzgerald, second runner up; Emily Allen, fourth runner up.

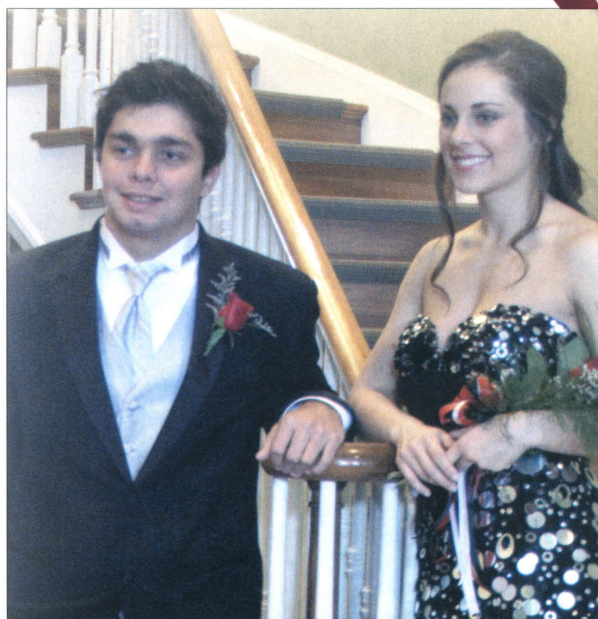
- Homecoming Court -



Seniors
Hassan Muhammad
and Katie Cooper



Seniors
Bobby Hoban
and Simone Coleman



Juniors
Juan Suarez
and Emily Allen



Juniors
Jay Simon (not pictured)
Lyndsay Millo

Homecoming Court



Sophomores
Philip Galyon
and Hatherine Bouldin



Sophomores
Brandon Steever
and Carlean Holden



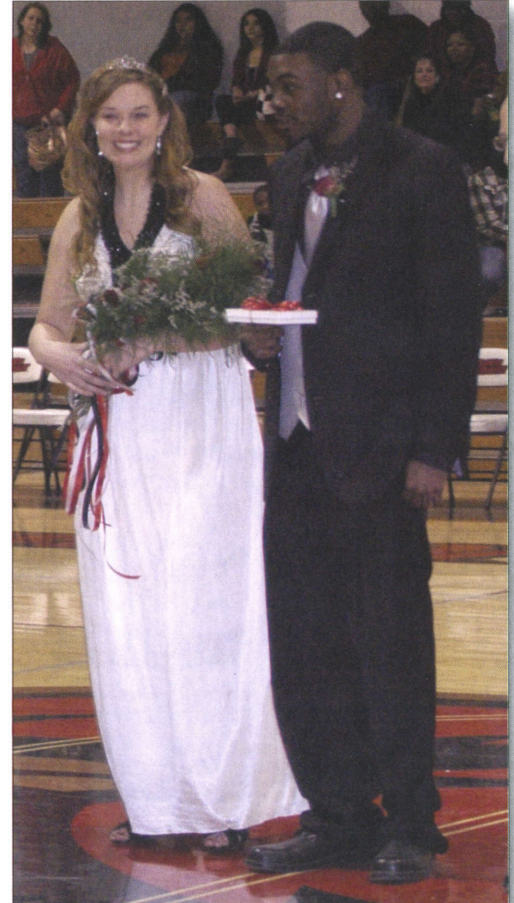
Freshmen
Jake Calton and
Racheal Kightlinger



Freshmen
James Woody
and Meredith Thomas

Homecoming Crowning

Queen Katie Cooper



Homecoming

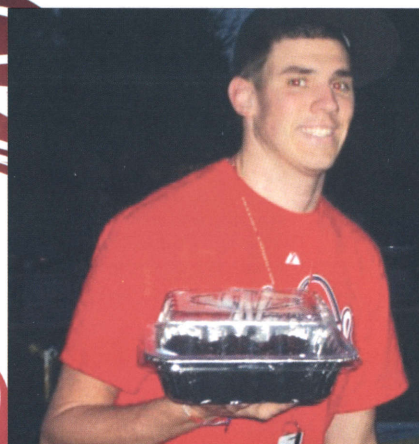




Welcome To
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Between classes



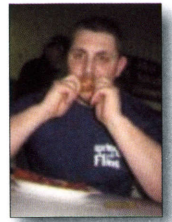


after hours...





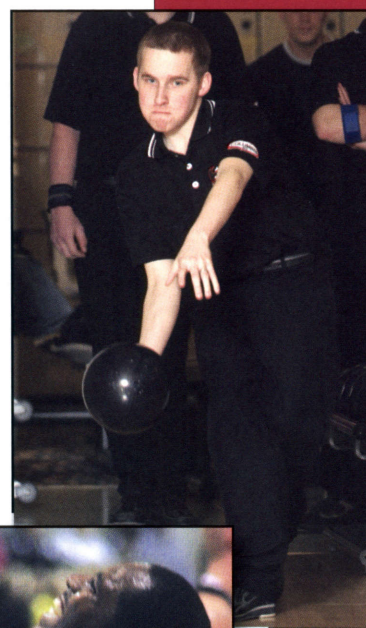
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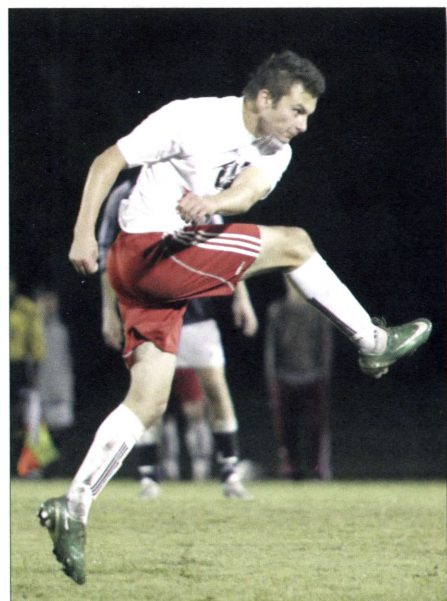
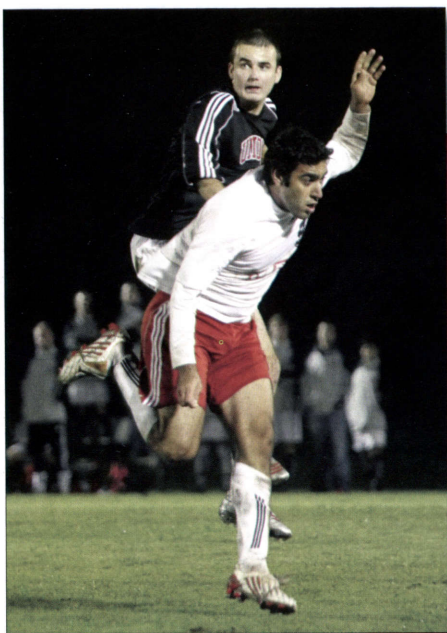


- Winter Formal -



- Sports -





~ Soccer ~

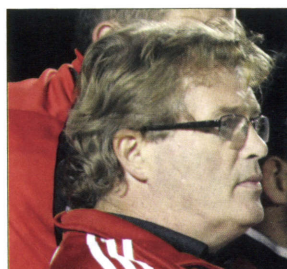
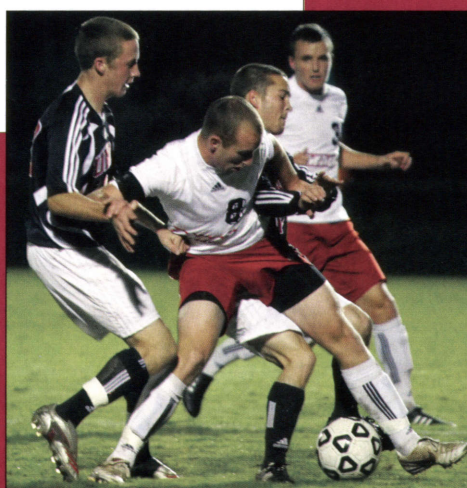


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Fernando Andrade – Araraquara, Brazil
 Ray Robertson – Kent, England
 Gustavo Vaz – Belo Horizonte, Brazil
 Chris McBride – Glasgow, Scotland
 Fabio Souza – Paraguacu, Brazil
 Stephen Doran – Dublin, Ireland
 Hunter Jamison – Shelbyville, TN
 James Colman – Kent, England
 Uziel Hernandez – Veracruz, Mexico
 Lenardo Arango – Londrina, Brazil
 Kuda Kagora – Harare, Zimbabwe
 Justin Hardin – Meridianville, AL
 Shayne Rollins – Murfreesboro, TN

Back Row (Left to Right)

Alan O'Conner – Assistant Coach
 Fernando Barbeiro – Monte Azul, Brazil
 Clayton Ambrose – Huntsville, AL
 Joseph Beecroft – Ipswich, England
 Stuart Trench – Bishopton, Scotland
 Will Bailey – Pulaski, TN
 Nic Oliver – Pulaski, TN
 Martin Campbell – Glasgow, Scotland
 Robert Coffey – Dublin, Ireland
 Tiago Reichert – Francisco Beltrao, Brazil
 Renato Castro – Sapaulo, Brazil
 Andrew Gordon – Shelbyville, TN
 Simone Enrici – Assistant Coach



Paschal Dunne – Head Coach



- Soccer -



Front Row (Left to Right)
 Abby Roark - Murfreesboro, TN
 Laura Graham - Columbia, TN
 Danielle Sofer - Hadera, Israel
 Mor Efraim - Nevatim, Israel
 Hanit Schwarz - Beer-Sheva, Israel
 Tatiane Carvalho - Curitiba, Brazil
 Nicole O'donnell - Winnipeg, Canada
 Simone Souza - Sao Paul, Brazil
 Camilla Houden - Bergen, Norway
 Tatiane Alexio - Jundiai, Brazil

Back Row (Left to Right)
 Emma Reilly - Dublin, Ireland
 Jennifer Moore - Columbia, TN
 Lauren Atchley - Ardmore, AL
 Shir Levo - Timrat, Israel
 Shannon Walter - Chicago, IL
 Kelly Glaser - Bartlett, IL
 Amelia Pereira - Madeira Island, Portugal
 Yalu Borbolla - Mexico City, Mexico
 Jayne Moody - Pulaski, TN



Coach Gerry Cleary





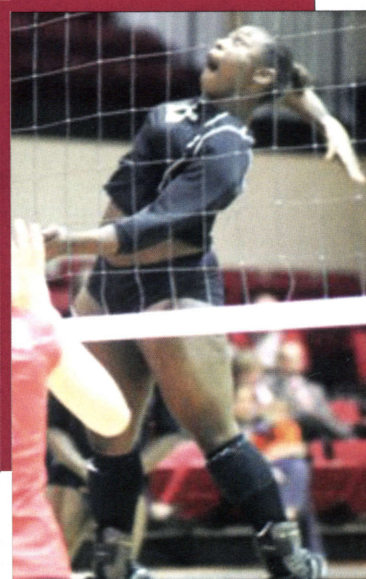
- Volleyball -



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Jordan Owens - Huntsville, AL
Kayla Spencer - Huntsville, AL
Heather Meshelle - Laverge, TN
Olyvia Jackson - Huntsville, AL
Precious Sanders - Belville, TN
Sarah Frasier - Murfreesboro, TN

Second Row (Left to Right)
Crea Minor - Huntsville, AL
Elizabeth Schexnayder - Athens, AL
Lacy Neuenschwander - Ashland City, TN
Analissa Standridge - Carrollton, TX
Ann-Kathrine Kuehborn, Bamberg, Germany
Christine Lumbasio - Nairobi, Kenya

Third Row (Left to Right)
Brittany Foster - Pulaski, TN
Jhessica Martins - Uberianola, Brazil
Caroline Santos - Campinas, Brazil



Coach Rose Magers-Powell



- Bowling -



Front Row (Left to Right)

Michael Jeter - Kingsport, TN
 Andrew Cranfield - Brandon, MS
 Michael Poirier - Columbia, TN
 Scott McLin - Savannah, TN
 Andy Patton - Millington, TN
 Steven Turner - Nashville, TN
 Rob Sikes - Murfreesboro, TN
 Adam Ebbing - Columbia, TN

Back Row (Left to Right)

Matt Rosson - Lawrenceburg, TN
 Anthony Szeulga - Clarksville, TN
 Tyrel York - Jamestown, TN
 Tyler Cox - Nashville, TN
 Jeff Korycki - Haines City, FL
 Bradley Burgess - Sterling Heights, MI
 Ben Biddy - Tullahoma, TN

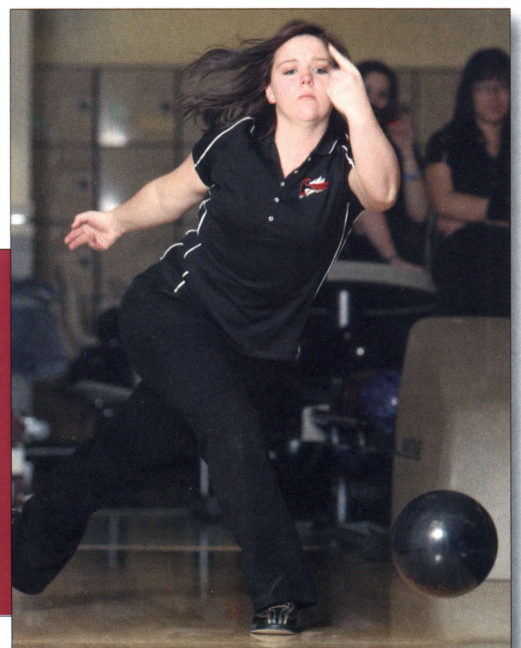
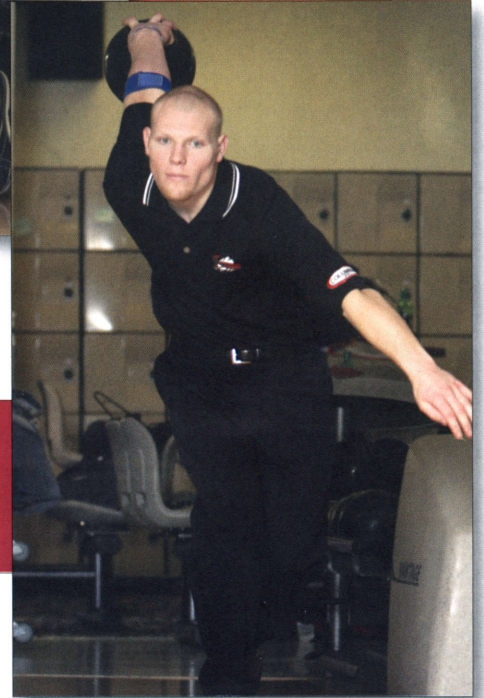
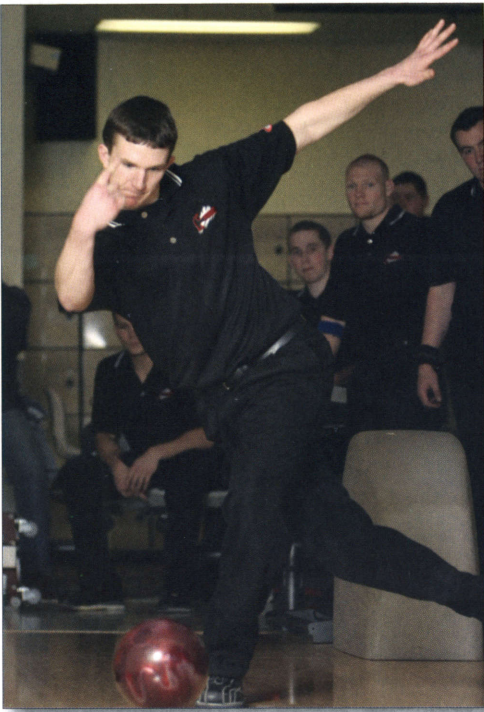


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Jessica Wilson - Lexington, TN
 Geneviene Cano - Springhill, TN
 Rachel Lamply - Murfreesboro, TN
 Jamarva Norman - Chattanooga, TN
 Cindy Buckner - Chattanooga, TN
 Kayla Bullington - Cleveland, TN

Back Row (Left to Right)

LeAudra Byrd - Jamestown, TN
 Ellen York - Jamestown, TN
 Lessie Bailey - Cleveland, TN
 Emily Bowers - Highland, MI



- Golf -

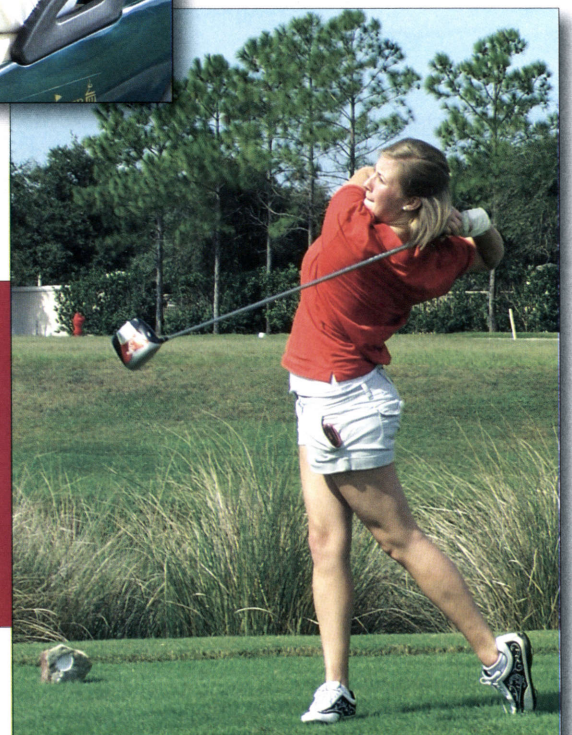


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 Logan Pressnell – Anderson, AL;
 Will Walker – Lawrenceburg, TN;
 Terrence Howard – Pulaski, TN;
 Blake Moore – Linden, TN;
 Matthew Holland – Winchester, TN;
 Mitch Fuller – Florence, AL

Back Row (Left to Right)
 John Oakley;
 Troy Hamm;
 Coty Dishongh;
 Clay Letson – Moulton, AL;
 Tyler Freeman – Manchester, TN;
 Andy Beckham – Waynesboro, TN;
 Andrew Sandor – Hartselle, AL



(Left to Right)
 Teri-Beth Thompson – Waynesboro, TN;
 Katie Tipper;
 Courtney Treadwell – Linden, TN;
 Kelsey Thweatt – Clarksville, TN;
 Samantha Hill – Moulton, AL;
 Nicole O'Donnell – Winnipeg, Canada (not pictured)



- Basketball -



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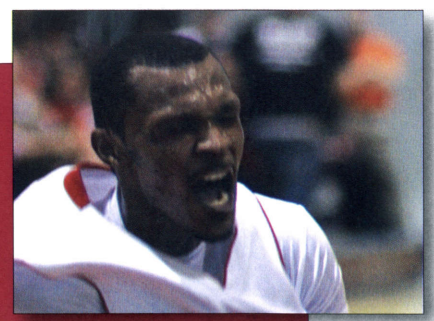
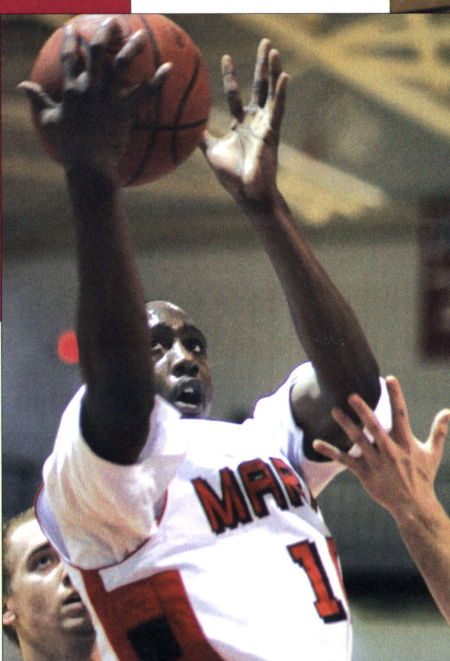
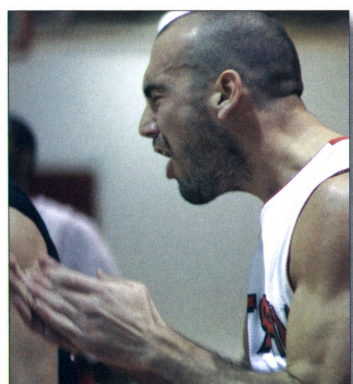
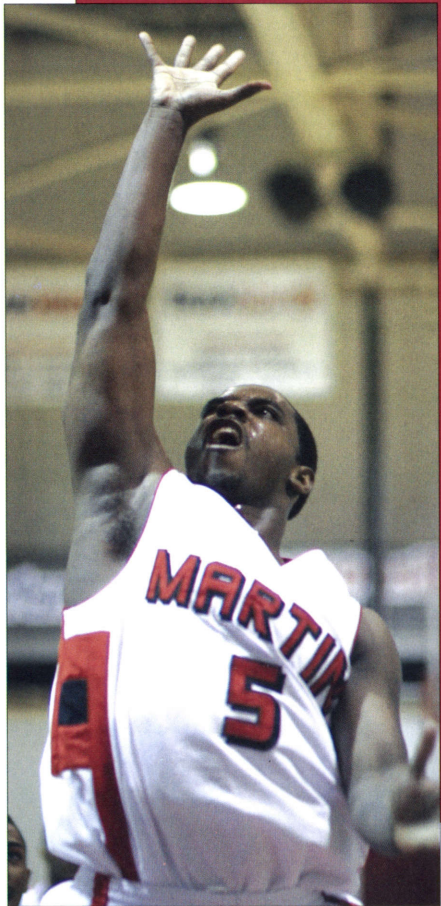
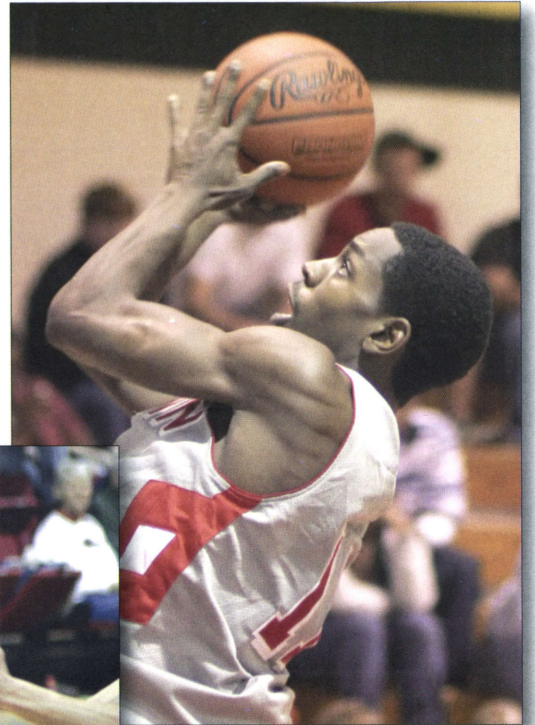
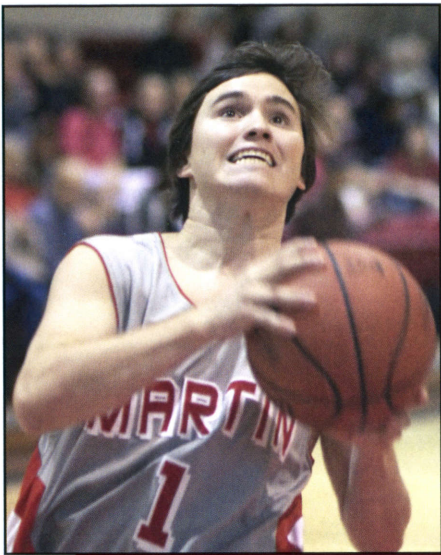
Marques Washington - Charleston, SC;
Jamal Naylor - Ocala, FL; Nello Giordano -
Brisbane, Australia; Will Shackleford - An-
drews, SC; James Whitley - San Francisco,
CA; Chris Goodwin - Hendersonville, TN

Back Row (Left to Right)

Tanner Andrews - Collinwood, TN; Jer-
maine Jackson - Hoschton, GA; Cory
Perkins - Fort Worth, TX; Aubrey Bodison -
Havana, FL



Coach Andy Sharpe



- Basketball -



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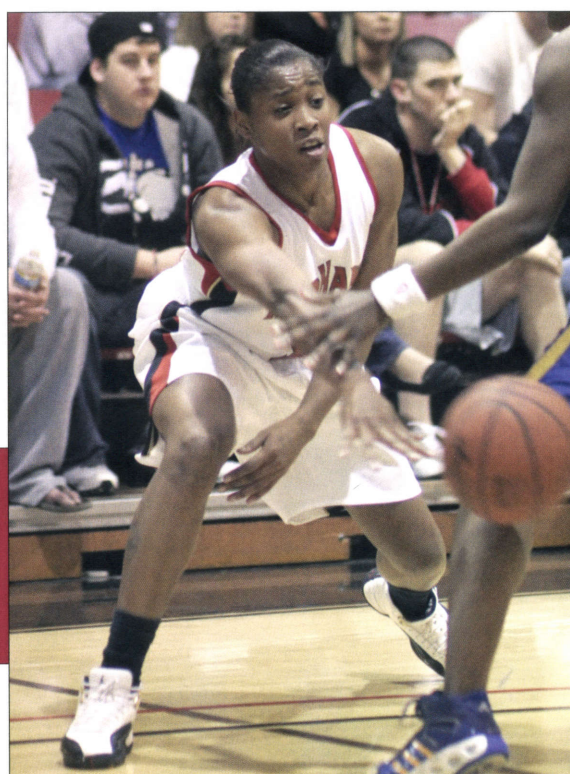
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Crystal Poindexter - Douglasville, GA; Ashley Meeks - Smyrna, TN; Tiffany Travis - Dayton, TN; Whitney Robison - Brighton, TN; Micah Anderson - Hohenwald, TN

Back Row

(Left to Right)

Miranda Cravens - Clarkrange, TN; Rebecca Smithson - Dickson, TN; Rikki Sanders - Knoxville, TN; Ceny Phelps - Shelbyville, TN; Jordan Ramsey - Clarkrange, TN; Jessy Christopher - Lebanon, TN





- Baseball -



First Row, Left to Right:

Kris Ruderer - Nashville, TN; Jordan Hedges - Centerville, TN; Rudy Lyles - Lewisburg, TN; Cody Pomeroy - Pegram, TN; Jason Holt - Lynchburg, TN; Seth Cunningham - Cane Ridge, TN

Second Row, Left to Right:

Jerry McMurtry - Mt. Juliet, TN; Holden Killen - Lawrenceburg, TN; Josh Spicer - Pembroke Pines, FL; Rob Laxson - Pulaski, TN; Seth McConnell - Milton, TN; Cody McCanless - Charlotte, TN; Shane Murl - Toronto, Canada

Third Row, Left to Right:

Hector Lora - Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; Michael Gizewski - Lake Worth, FL; Student Assistant - Hunter Norton; Head Coach - Kelly Bratton; Student Assistant - Brock Williams; Assistant Coach - Kevin Tingle; Chad Hunter - Murfreesboro, TN; Travis Garcia - Nolensville, TN;

Fourth Row, Left to Right:

Kyle Bowers - White Bluff, TN; Ben Bottoms - Nolensville, TN; Matt Fiser - Kingston Springs, TN; Bryan Woodlee - Nashville, TN; Brett Seagratt - Murfreesboro, TN; Joey Vance - Franklin, TN; Drew Donnelly - Nashville, TN; Darin Holt - Pulaski, TN



Coach Kelly Bratton

- Softball -



Front Row: Left to Right - Maria Robinson - McCalla, AL; Chae Ellis - Fayetteville, TN; Shelby Thompson - Hohenwald, TN; Katlin White - Alabaster, AL; Amber Kinsey - Murfreesboro, TN; Chrissy Worth - Cornersville, TN; Misti Alston - Carrollton, GA; Samantha Queen - Brentwood, TN; Carrie Morris - Trenton, GA

Back Row: Left to Right - Whitney McWhorter - Manchester, TN; Nicole Curtis - Chapel Hill, TN; Karina De Los Santos - Dominican Republic; Raegan Queen - Brentwood, TN; Shelby Wallace - Pulaski, TN; Tiffany McCormick - Manchester, TN; Nicole McWhorter - Manchester, TN; Nicole Velez - Kenosha, WI

Not Pictured: Brittany Trevarthen - Huntland, TN



Coach Brandi Paul



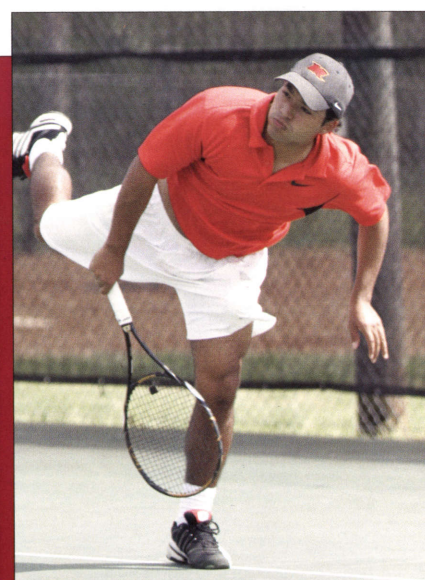
- Tennis -



Left to Right - Rachel Wolfe - Lewisburg, TN; Mikaela Long - Centerville, TN; Jeanna Stanford - Pulaski, TN; Anastasia Aleshcheva - Moscow, Russia; Fidelina Díaz - Bells, TN; Allison Winters - Pleasant View, TN; Sierra Thomison - Fayetteville, TN; Camilla Hovden - Bergen, Norway



Front Row (Left to Right) Vinicius Santos - Sao Paulo, Brazil; Melvin Prada - Bucaramanga, Colombia; Fabio Santos - Sao Paulo, Brazil; Matthew Dyer - Lewisburg, TN; Back Row (Left to Right) Juan Suarez - Neiva, Colombia; Renato Castro - Sao Paulo, Brazil; Alvaro Morcillo Calderon - Madrid, Spain; Jeremy Brenner



- Cheerleaders -



Front Row, Left to Right:
Ricardo Hernandez - ?, Liz Garner - Hazel Green, AL; Lacy Fanning - Fayetteville, TN; Brittney Blalock - Waynesboro, TN

2nd Row, Left to Right:
Ashleigh Williams - Mt. Pleasant, TN; Whitney Gentry - Pulaski, TN

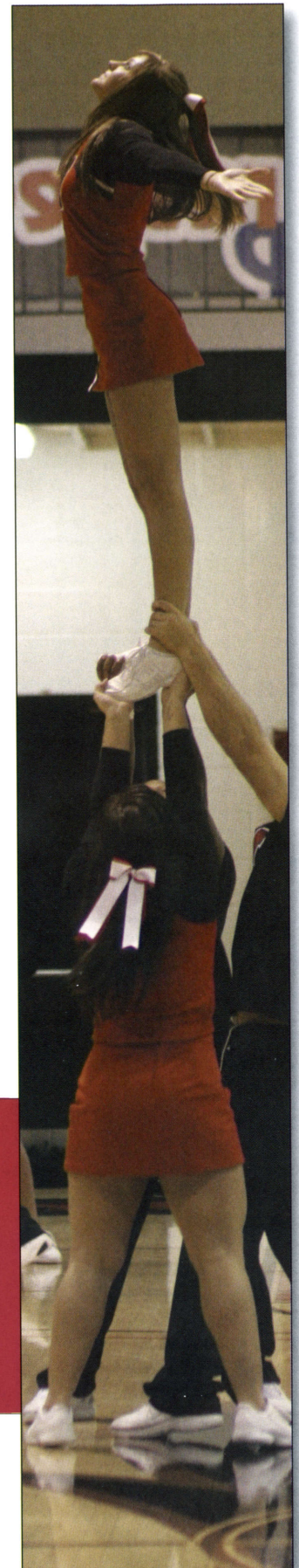
3rd Row, Left to Right:
Emily Allen - Antioch, TN; Kailee Hunsucker - Clifton, TN; Samantha Hill - Moulton, AL; Erin

Clanton - Lawrenceburg, TN; Alyssa Tischer - Centerville, TN; Shalyn Reed - Loretto, TN; Shelby Martin - Waynesboro, TN

4th Row, Left to Right:
Mallory Jones - Oak Ridge, TN; Josh Boliou - Bon Aqua, TN; Envy Watkins - New York City, NY

Not Pictured: Troy Romine - Waynesboro, TN; Juan Suarez - Neiva, Colombia





- Religious Life -



Religious Life at Martin Methodist College seeks to be a community of faith that encourages students, faculty, and staff to grow and enrich their spiritual journey through worship, education, fellowship, and service.



Top - Religious Life Leaders Day. Above - Anita Murphy, Rev. Laura Kirkpatrick, Caitlin Hopper and Katie Dobbins on R-Life Leader Day. Right top - Courtney Lancaster and Angela Tonguett, Religious Life Leaders Day. Right bottom - Phillip Galyon and Kathryn Williams Religious Life Leaders Day.

Religious Life Education



Top right - Convocation on Race and Religion.
Top left - Exploration Group. Above - Seniors Katie Cooper, Courtney Daniel and Rev. Laura Kirkpatrick at the Leadership Development Team dinner. Right middle - Exploration participants Philip Galyon, Katie Dobbins, Alex Abernathy, Josiah Poe, Kevin Crawford, Rev. Laura Kirkpatrick, Ricardo Hernandez and Carlos Santos. Right - The Leadership Development Team and Dr. Ted Brown.



Religious Life Fellowship



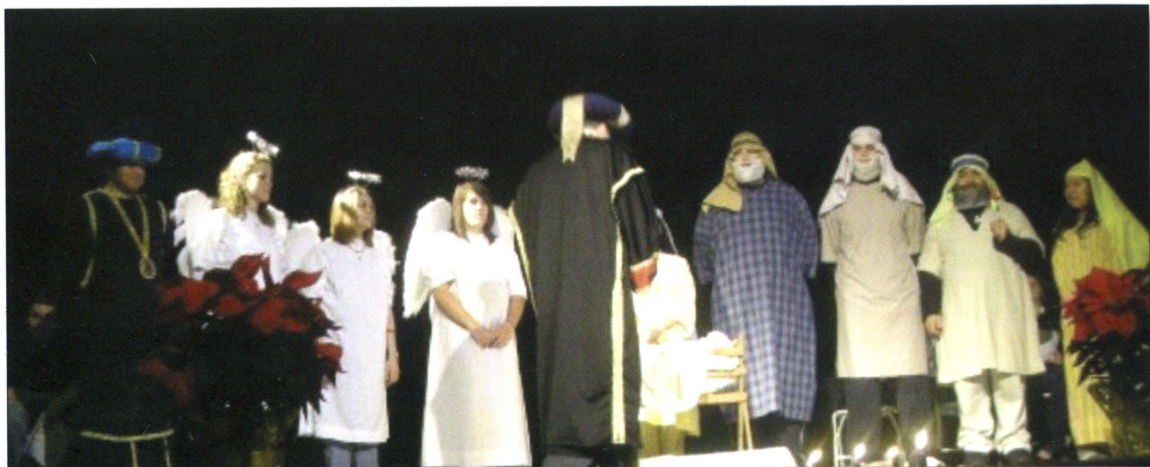
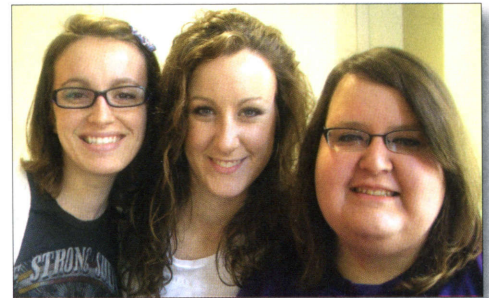
Top: La Connexion Bible Study group at the Visit with Santa event. Above top: The Student Christian Association at their Fall Retreat. Above: SCA members take a sun break during their fall retreat at Bersheeba Springs.

Above top: Singing worship at the SCA Fall Retreat. Students at the SCA Progressive Dinner.

Religious Life Worship

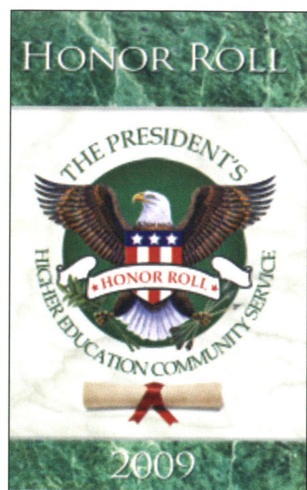


Top - Rev. Laura Kirkpatrick portraying Mary Magdalen for her sermon Easter week Chapel. Left middle - The Praise and Worship Band in action. Bottom - Christmas Service. Below - Chapel. Work Studies Amy Cline and Alicia Canderday with Service Coordinator Brandi Belcher.





Martin Serves is an organization dedicated to engaging the Martin Methodist community in acts of mercy, justice, and Service-Learning in order to encourage student, faculty, and staff service as a life-long activity.



Martin SERVES recognized for good works

Martin Methodist College has been named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

The Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers the annual Honor Roll award, recognized more than 700 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice. On campuses across the country, thousands of students joined their faculty to develop innovative programs and projects to meet local needs using the skills gained in their classrooms. Business students served as consultants to budget-strapped nonprofits and businesses, law students volunteered at legal clinics, and dozens of others organized anti-hunger campaigns.

Boo-Out

Brandi Belcher
AmeriCorps VISTA Service Coordinator



On October 28th, 2009, 129 students, faculty and staff gathered in Martin Hall dressed in decade themed costumes (including futuristic attire) to prepare for a fun filled evening. Every year, Martin Methodist clubs, groups, and organizations join together to create a Halloween celebration for children from the local Head Start programs, the Child Development Center, and the Growing Tree Daycare. Since this year's event was a collaboration between Student Tennessee Education Association (STEA), Student Nursing Organization (SNO), and Martin S.E.R.V.E.S., kindergarten children from the local elementary schools were also invited to participate in the festivities.

As each child and their family entered Martin Hall, they were given a decorative bag for their goodies and were directed along the path plotted for the event. The first stop was a booth provided by the Ambassadors where participants were encouraged to play with slime and even received some to take home!

As the children continued into the Boo Boo Station, they were greeted by Georgine Berent (the witch of the evening), Gary Ohmann, and nursing students who created fake wounds and bandages for the kids. Upstairs in Martin Hall, children had the opportunity to bowl with the Women's Bowling Team, play softball with the Softball Team, get their face painted by the Drama Club, fish with the Lions Club, receive candy from Alpha Phi Nu, go through decade themed Space Tunnel created by Student Christian Association, play games with Dr. White's First Year Experience Class and the Art Club and receive more candy from the Martin Methodist Cheerleaders.

As the participants headed downstairs, they were invited to color with the Biology Club, play a game with the Women's Tennis Team, and go through the Space Grab (sponsored by Gamma Beta Phi). As the children neared the end of the festivities, they were happily greeted by the R.A.'s and given popcorn for their ride home.



Visit with Santa

By Brandi Belcher
AmeriCorps VISTA Service Coordinator



Martin S.E.R.V.E.S. and Alpha Phi Nu worked together to coordinate the Candyland themed Visit with Santa event this year. Along with the appearance of Santa and Mrs. Claus, groups, clubs, organizations, and athletic teams from MMC organized games and crafts for the children to enjoy. As each child entered Martin Hall, eager to see Santa, they were greeted by Santa's elves who asked what they wanted for Christmas. When their Christmas List was finished, their journey toward visiting Santa could begin.

The first booths for the kids to visit were provided by Dr. Wossum-Fisher's class, SACUE, and the Ambassadors. Faces were painted, ornaments made, and each child received a snowflake ornament with their name on it. Upstairs, Santa's visitors were given the opportunity to write a letter to a soldier, provided by Gamma Beta Phi, given candy by MMC students who are a part of "The Connection" Bible Study, and played a game with members from the tennis teams. Dr. Wiggins' F.Y.E. class gave out books from their Book Fair and made book marks while S.T.E.A. provided each child with a teddy bear. Finally, after visiting all these booths, the time to meet Santa arrived.

An elf took each child by hand and led them on the long red carpet that ended at Santa's feet. Santa merrily asked, "What would you like for Christmas," and each child fervently shared their list of toys they desired. As the visit neared to an end, Santa's elves and Mrs. Claus handed the children a wrapped gift, which were quickly opened as soon as they finished speaking with Santa. After the exciting visit with Santa, each visitor made their way downstairs to the last station of the evening. Student Government provided gingerbread cookies for everyone to decorate and to take with them on their way home.

Alpha Phi Nu and Martin S.E.R.V.E.S. also planned for some extra special gifts this year. Each child had an individual picture taken with Santa and will be receiving these pictures as well as a letter addressed from the North Pole two weeks before Christmas.

Visit with Santa has been an MMC tradition for many years. It is always a great reminder of one of the best ways to celebrate the Holidays. How will you be giving to your community this Christmas Season?



Alternative Fall Break



Brandi Belcher
AmeriCorp VISTA Service Coordinator

On October 7th, 15 Martin Methodist students and four faculty and staff gathered in the overflow parking lot for the fourth annual Alternative Fall Break Trip. This year's destination to Monticello, Indiana, made for a long 8 hour drive to a large Monticello parsonage, the home away from home while the group worked to reconstruct a living space for a family whose house had been flooded by the Tippecanoe River in 2008.

As the group arrived in Monticello at 3 a.m. EST, each person quickly set up their beds and settled for much needed sleep for the early morning start, only four hours away. As heads hit the pillows and silence filled the air, no one could imagine the kind of day that lay ahead.

Eight a.m. Thursday morning quickly rolled around as everyone stumbled around to get ready. After breakfast, the team met Mr. Jess, the contractor who would be leading the building project, and quickly loaded in the vans to drive to the work site. Everyone got to work: cutting the roof that still stood, building frames for the doors and windows, and visiting with the family. Comments were made about the cold weather and potential rain, but soon afterward the fear of rain became reality. Even through the rain and chilly conditions, students persevered and continued to work while wearing trash bags to help protect from the rain. After working for five hours, three walls were finished and joined together to reunite the house and the garage that once stood unharmed.

The rains created less than enviable conditions for work on Friday, so the team set aside time to bond, relax, and wash clothes drenched from the day before. As Friday evening rolled around, the team gathered to reflect on the trip. We discussed what it meant to be an everyday hero and watched "Amazing Grace," a film honoring the life of a hero named William Wilberforce who led the abolishment of the slave trade.

Saturday morning, the team packed up and headed to the work site for the last day of service. The weather conditions were perfect as the team cut shingles from the undamaged roof, nailed up trusses for the roof of the new room, mounted Styrofoam for insulation, and nailed down plywood and roofing paper to enclose the new roof.

In all honesty, that room joined together a group of people of great diversity and all walks of life to complete an act of loving our neighbors. To the Hispanic mother, daughter, and granddaughter living in the house, the new wooden frame was a new beginning. As the team finished and packed up to leave, the mother expressed her gratitude by speaking the only bit of English she knew; "I love you." This was a reminder to the team that our true purpose for this trip was not to get away from stressful schoolwork, but to show love to a neighbor in need. This trip was proof that love is understood in all languages.

Saturday evening we drove to Greentown, Indiana, for much needed rest and relaxation at the Kirkpatrick Breisch Family Farm. A sweet family greeted us with great pizza, a warm place to sleep, and a hot breakfast. Sunday morning, we gathered for the last event of our trip. We headed to church to share a piece of our trip with Laura's church family. After the sermon, the team gathered in front of the altar to sing "Amazing Grace" with the congregation, and to share with them a song that reminded us of the grace we receive every day and that we can show to others. As we sang, the events from the past few days relived in our minds. Shiphrah Dass, a senior Business Major from Pakistan, said, "The most memorable moment was all of us singing amazing grace in church because it just kind of brought everything together and reminded me of the whole experience."

Like William Wilberforce, we stepped out of our comfort zones, saw where there was a need, and took action. We chose to love our neighbors whose lives and home were greatly altered from the floods. To the family in need, we were everyday heroes.

Alternative Fall Break



Brandon Steever and Shantel Nelson



Cedrick Nkulu and Carlos Santos



Claudette Hernandez



Jessica Martin



Daniel McMasters



Kathryn Williams and Caitlin Hopper

Freshman Service Day



Playground Time at Bodenham Head Start

Every year, Martin Serves hosts a Freshmen Service Day to introduce the freshmen to the community and to help the freshmen gain a sense of community. 214 Freshmen completed two hours of community service, bringing the grand total to 428 hours of service! Some specific projects included tutoring and reading at Pulaski schools, sorting clothes at Matthew 25, painting the gym at the local Boys and Girls Club, and nailing vinyl siding at the new Agri Park building.



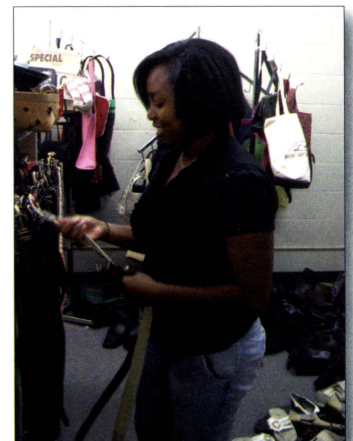
Writing Letters to Soldiers



Clean Up at Leg Up Therapeutic Riding Center



Clean UP at Giles County Help Center



Organizing Belts at Matthew 25



Roofing at the Agri-Park



Vinyl Siding at Agri-Park

National Make a Difference Day

By Brandi Belcher
AmeriCorps VISTA Service Coordinator



In 2008, over 3 million people gathered to participate in a National Service Day, completing over one hundred projects geared toward helping a neighbor in need. This year, Martin S.E.R.V.E.S. aspired to become a part of this annual national service opportunity and created an event to help the Giles County Community. On October 24th, 2009, thirty-four students, faculty, staff, and community non-profit leaders gathered on the Martin Methodist College campus to celebrate the Red hawks shedding their feathers to "go green". Martin students provided booths concerning environmental issues while local non-profits shared information about resources they provide to the community. A free yard sale also took place as part of the event while local band U-Turn provided live musical entertainment. Finally, Martin S.E.R.V.E.S. student leader, Courtney Daniel, coordinated a drive for canned food items and plastic bags for the Giles County Help Center.

Much excitement could be heard as student booth coordinators eagerly shared with the community information with which they were so passionate. Josiah Po'e coordinated a booth about the lack of recycling paper, it's affect on trees, and then proceeded to handout free Maple Tree seedlings. Other booths included: Mr. Rutherford's F.Y.E. class and their presentation on the "Living Waters" organization; Courtney Lancaster's information on using water resourcefully and how this affects those in Third Presentation provided by Josiah Po'e at his World Countries; and Alyssa Beaver's booth on the booth affects of emission pollution.

Alicia Canerday, a freshman from Lawrenceburg, said, "The most special part of participating in National Make a Difference Day to me was being able to see how my new school is able to reach out and help the surrounding community. Being able to put a smile on children's faces was the most touching part of this experience."

Martin S.E.R.V.E.S. is especially thankful to the local non-profits who participated in National Make a Difference Day and their eagerness to share in this day of helping our neighbors. Those who participated include: Matthew 25; Safe Haven, Lifechoice Pregnancy Center; Leg-Up Therapeutic Riding Center; and the Child Development Center.

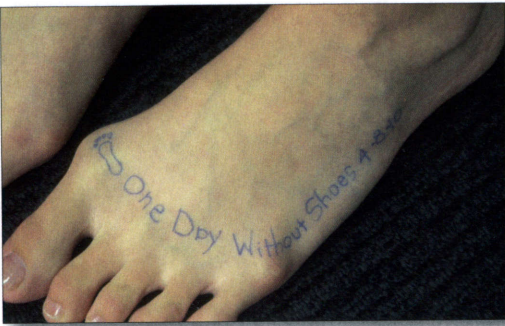
Ica Coggin, the director of Matthew 25, stated, "The main thing that stood out to me was the student participation, involvement, commitment and dedication to the booths and the event so early on a Saturday morning. Secondly, I was impressed by the idea of a free yard sale. We saw many people in need there that were able to receive warm clothing."



Top - The Child Development Center is a Community Partner on National Make a Difference Day. Middle - A free yard sale was held for community members and above, Courtney Lancaster mans a booth promoting water conservation.

One Day Without Shoes

Kelsey Dennis
Sophomore from Shelbyville, TN



Gandhi once said, "We must be the change we wish to see in the world." There is a deadly disease called podoconiosis that is caused by walking barefoot on volcanic soil and ash. In Ethiopia alone, over one million people have already contracted the disease. The crazy thing is, it is 100% PREVENTABLE. All they need is a pair of shoes. So on Thursday, April 8th, many students and faculty on campus advocated for a change we wish to see alongside a quarter million other people and a company called TOMS Shoes. We wish to see all people have the privilege we take as common right of having a pair of shoes. One Day Without Shoes was not always easy, and it was not always fun. We suf-

fered scrapes, sore feet, and even criticism for our decisions (imagine what they encounter everyday!). I do believe, though, if you ask anyone who participated, they would definitely say it was worth it. If even one person decides to purchase a pair of TOMS through our walk, we have accomplished something. For every pair of shoes you buy for yourself, a pair will be given to a child in need. So we would like to thank all of you who participated in MMC's first attempt at One Day Without Shoes. Whether you went barefoot for five minutes, five hours, or the entire day, realize that you are a part of the change we are working to accomplish!



Top left - Amy Clines' Feet speak volumes. Left middle - Pat Ford, Paige Stewart and Cameron Clark walk barefoot for the cause. Left bottom - Alicia Canderday, Amy Clines and Kelsey Dennis promote the day's activities. Above - Josiah Poe, Amy Clines, Anita Murphy and Alicia Canderday.

Social Justice Trip



Left - A group shot in front of Patchwork Ministries in St. Louis. Left - Barry Rich and Brandi Belcher at the St. Louis Botanical Gardens. Above, Kathryn Williams at the Gardens.

Dr. Kerbe Lee
Education Professor

The 2010 "Social Justice" trip taken by Martin Methodist College faculty, staff, and students every year over MLK Day weekend was an eye-opening if not quite life-changing experience. Life-changing would mean I follow through in a positive way to right some of the injustices we witnessed. I'm not ready to commit to that level of New Year's Resolution yet, because that would mean a New Year's ReVolution...change...real change in my actions and attitudes. I hate resolutions mainly because of my annual failure to keep any or many of these over the six decades of my life. The resolutions I'm not keeping very well so far a mere three weeks into 2010 include losing weight, exercising regularly, reading more good stuff, writing in my half-finished book, to name a few. I'm working on thinking about organizing my hours and daze to begin to commence on these resolutions. When that happens, they just may become revolutions that call for action. I'll let you know when or if that occurs. Meanwhile...

The weekend I just experienced was amazing. As part of a team of 20 from the college participating in the journey through five states, over 800 miles, and parts of four days, my eyes were indeed opened. We observed the distressing plight of some homeless in downtown St. Louis and the good a few empathizers can do to help make life just a little more bearable; the beauty of God's creation at the Missouri Botanical Gardens including the "green" steps mankind can and is taking to curb waste and destruction of our planet - at least the ducks, geese, and squirrels still seemed to be enjoying the winter season; the majesty of a man-created Arch hovering tall over Old Man River; the near chaotic bedlam (no exaggeration) of the hundreds of children of all ages scampering through the City Museum with its incredible climbs and tunnels inside and spine-chillingly out-

side the four-story amusement "park"; the emotional and inspirational worship services in which we participated in two states - one that seemed to actually honor the homeless through reverence to God and the second that was a celebration of the life of Dr. King, a man whose once-upon-a-time dream is still in the process of slowly becoming reality; and the marvelous ministry of a few in Evansville, Indiana, who are making such a difference in the lives of children and adults of all ages, races, and socio-economic statuses at a simple place called Patchwork. What an incredible and timely journey it was.

I also witnessed just how well a diverse group of 20 can function as a unit whether traveling the seemingly endless hours in the vans; sleeping through the nights of friendly snorings; staying clean and hygienic with limited facilities; playing a little basketball or late-night card games; watching the DVD of Wall-E; and eating lots and lots of junk food. Fortunately, fully half of the eight pounds I gained over those four days was lost in the first 24 hours home and eating healthily again. If I can do that over the next 24-48 hours, I'll be back on track to turning my weight-loss resolution into that much sought revolution.

The inspiration I gained from this weekend wasn't limited to seeing the efforts of a few in ministering to those in need (Matthew 25:31-46) as Jesus did. It included watching some poor students dig deep to leave behind a little extra - not just some money, but also a bit of themselves - on three different occasions. Thanks to Patrick and John and the many others whose stories touched our lives. They shared their faith well in both words and actions. Let's see if we 20 can "go and do likewise."

Martin SERVES Haïti

In September 2009, two members of the Christian band Audio Adrenaline spoke in chapel on the campus of Martin Methodist College. Mark Stuart and Will McGinniss talked about the Hands and Feet Children's Village in Haiti, an orphanage for more than 30 children that was started by musical group Audio Adrenaline in 2004. Their faces lit up as they told stories of several children who were rescued from almost certain death. Then they showed a video of the Hands and Feet Project during last year's hurricanes...as the waters swept through the orphanage buildings, covering every surface with tons of rock that would have to be removed by hand.

In the months following that chapel service, 11 MMC students and three MMC personnel committed to travel to Cyvadier, Haiti, to be Christ's hands and feet for the children of Haiti. Those students are seniors Stephanie Woolam and Josh Howard, juniors Amy Novakowski and Kevin Crawford, sophomores Courtney Lancaster, Edia Bellevue and Stephanie Smith, and freshmen Josh Smith, Philip Galyon, Sally Bolling and Sarah Povlock. MMC personnel include Cheryl Smith, a member of the nursing faculty; and the trip's co-leaders, Tina McGill, who works as accounts payable supervisor in the business office, and Mariellyn Dunlap, assistant director of religious life. Joining them will be Chris McGill of Pulaski, and Lynn and Ellyn Dunlap and Seth Filburn of Carrollton, Ohio.

The mission of the Hands and Feet Project is to raise a generation of orphans who will change their country so that one day, orphanages are empty and the Hands and Feet Project will no longer be needed.

Construction of the orphanage began in early 2005, and the first little girl arrived in the spring of 2005. The organization now cares for 36 children ranging in age from two months to nine years old.



Above, Sarah Povlock has a quiet moment with one of the orphans she served in Haiti. Below, Amy Novakowski and Josh Smith do what they can to bring cheer to the orphanage.



Martin SERVES Haiti



Left - Sarah Povok, Philip Galyon and Josh Smith hard at work helping on orphanage improvement projects. Above - Nursing professor Cheryl Smith provides love to Haitian orphans.

Extreme service learning changes lives

By Mariellyn Dunlap
Former Assistant Director of Religious Life

Loud voices speaking an unfamiliar language assault my ears as I walk through immigration and out into the baggage claim area at Port-au-Prince airport. Hundreds of people swarm the single baggage claim belt, pulling bags off at random and arguing about which bags are theirs. I am one of the last to enter this circus, and before I can speak to my teammates, a tall Haitian man demands my attention, pointing to the baggage claim tags clutched in his other hand.

"He wants your claim tags," I hear shouted above the din. "He's going to collect our bags."

The tall man quickly disappears once I hand him the correct tags, and I take refuge with the rest of our group of very white Americans. Tall Man returns with several baggage carts, and soon we are all scrambling to figure out where our bags have been tossed off the belt. As soon as our luggage is all miraculously found, Tall Man herds us through customs.

"What's in de box?" a man asks as we inch forward with the crowd.

"Diapers," I say - which is mostly true. He lets our group through without further incident.

Next comes the fun part - finding a lone white man among the hundreds of Haitians waiting for their friends and relatives to walk out of the airport. The other hundred Haitians want to push our carts and earn a nice tip, and saying 'no' just makes them try harder. A Haitian man with my name written on a piece of paper finally convinces us to fol-

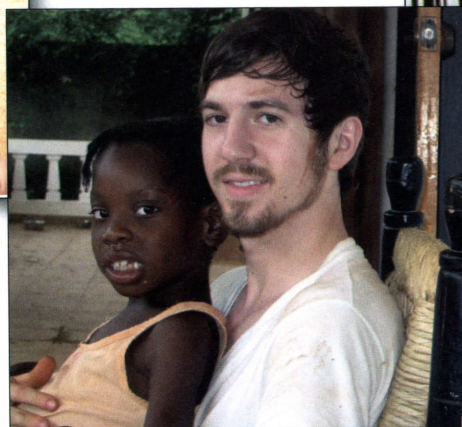
low him ... and there we find our white man, Larry, a missionary at the Hands and Feet Children's Village on the other side of the island in Jacmel - our final destination.

As we throw our luggage into the back of a small yellow school bus, a trumpeter plays "Amazing Grace" and "The Star Spangled Banner," and I realize that the intermingling of American and Haitian cultures has already begun. With our luggage and ourselves properly stowed for the road trip ahead, we roar away from the airport, only to be caught a few miles later in what can best be described as the world's worst traffic jam.

I stare out the window, grateful for the air conditioning, watching people walking, walking, everywhere. Students in school uniforms of all different colors, the girls' hair neatly braided and tied with matching ribbons. Women carrying produce on their heads while others sit in the marketplace, trying to sell a few mangoes so their children might have some rice to eat that night. And all of these people are surrounded by the biggest mounds of garbage I have ever seen.

Here I am, safely on the other side of the window, trying not to make direct eye contact with anyone. We'd been warned that a moment's eye contact could lead to hundreds of people swarming our van, and then we would never get out of Port-au-Prince. We wait at least an hour for the traffic to finally inch ahead enough to start flowing - it's a rather complicated process condensing four lanes of traffic and into one.

Martin SERVES Haiti



Courtney Lancaster and Josh Smith became attached to the children at the orphanage. Right, the reason for MMC volunteers wanted to serve in Haiti.

As we leave the city behind, along with its bumpy, pot-holed roads, I started to breathe a little easier. More than anything, my experience in Port-au-Prince has left me feeling claustrophobic. As the van turns up toward the mountains, that feeling is replaced with awe at the beauty surrounding us. I'd expected trash and poverty, but not such raw, striking beauty. As we drive along, taking turn after hairpin turn, my body begs me to close my eyes and rest, but I can't. I don't want to miss a thing.

Hours later, with our heads still spinning, we find ourselves in the seaside town of Jacmel, population 10,000. The streets may be a bit dusty, but you don't see nearly the amount of trash we'd witnessed in Port-au-Prince. A few miles outside of town, we turn left into a non-descript driveway with plenty of rocks and potholes, and suddenly we are there.

Welcome to the Hands & Feet Children's Village in Cyvadier, Haiti.

A handful of children shyly greet us as we unfold our bodies, thankful the trip has finally ended. It is a journey that began one year earlier, when two colleagues started dreaming about taking students on MMC's first international mission trip. The journey has been long, with many meetings, e-mails, and conversations along the way, not to mention fundraising, ticket-buying, and checklists with thousands of tiny details.

But we'd made it. And the real journey had just begun.

Over the next two weeks, two groups of dedicated but very different people would fall in love with the 39 orphans who live at Hands & Feet. They shoveled dirt and moved rocks; they painted and sweated, played

and sang; and some of them even "clowned around" – all in the name of Jesus Christ. And along the way, they gained a new perspective of God, of the world, and of themselves.

The group included 11 MMC students: Edia Bellevue (originally from Haiti), Sally Bolling, Kevin Crawford, Philip Galyon, Josh Howard, Courtney Lancaster, Amy Novakoski, Sarah Povlock, Josh Smith, Stephanie Smith, and Stephanie Woolam. Also joining the team were Tina McGill, accounts payable supervisor at MMC, and her husband, Chris; and Cheryl Smith, a member of the college's nursing faculty. In addition to students and staff from MMC, three Ohioans joined the Haiti team – Lynn and Ellyn Dunlap and Seth Filburn from Carrollton First United Methodist Church.

"It is amazing that what you expect and what you actually experience when you travel to a new country can be so completely different," said Tina McGill. "What I expected to find in 'the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere' was a country filled with starvation, devastation, and despair. What I found was a country of beautiful people."

The Hands & Feet (HAF) Children's Village was founded in 2004 by the Christian rock band Audio Adrenaline. The parents of Audio A's lead singer, Mark Stuart, had been missionaries in Haiti for many years, and Mark's experiences there gave him a desire to care for some of Haiti's many orphans.

Service to Haiti



I want to be Your hands, I want to be Your feet.
I'll go where You send me, go where You send me.
And I try, yeah I try to touch the world like You touched my life.
And I find my way to be your hands.

— 'Hands & Feet,' Audio Adrenaline



Martin students took on building improvement projects at the Hands and Feet orphanage.

Today, Mark's parents, Jo and Drex Stuart, are full-time missionaries at HAF, along with two other Americans. HAF's goal is to raise a generation of orphans in their own culture who will change their country, so one day Haiti's orphanages will be empty.

Some of the orphans do have amazing stories, such as the newborn baby girl whose mother left her at the bottom of a pit toilet (about 25 feet below ground). Today, Christela is a beautiful, mischievous little girl, and no one would ever guess where she came from. Then there are twin brothers, Rood and Roodly, fondly called "sumo wrestlers" by the HAF missionaries because of their stocky build and love of roughhousing. They came to HAF when they were several months old, only weighing about three pounds each.

"Knowing the backgrounds of some of the children made me want to hold them a little tighter and appreciate their smiles and cheerful hearts," said Stephanie Smith, a junior. "I learned that poverty is often a mindset rather than a physical condition. There are people in Haiti who are very poor according to my standards, yet if they have shelter and food, they are happy and content."

Unlike many orphanages, the Hands & Feet Children's Village encourages more of a family atmosphere. The children are split up among four different apartments, each with a nanny who takes care of "her" children. Kids who are preschool age or older attend a nearby Christian school each day. The "babies" – most of whom are now at least 18

months old – stay at home and take part in a simple daily program of singing songs, playing games, and learning words in both Creole and English. In the afternoon and evening, when homework is finished and naps have been taken, the older children love playing jump rope, baseball, soccer, or swinging.

"(I enjoyed) finally being comfortable with the children and being able to have one-on-one time with them. It was in those peaceful moments that I saw God, because I could truly grasp their and His beauty, even though we barely understood each other," said Sally Bolling, a sophomore. "It was a lot like interacting with God actually; you don't always understand what He is saying, but you can see the beauty and know that it doesn't matter because you connect. I loved being able to find clarity in the silence as well. The time we had to just sit and be cleared of all the chaos from our lives was amazing. I learned to meet God with silence and find wisdom in it. Although some of the time there was stressful, I will always remember seeing God in the little parts of Haiti. The cove, the pick-axes, the swings ... all of them had a piece of God in them. Although I don't think I will miss the van rides through the mountains!"

"(I enjoyed) being able to spend time with the kids as well as do something for them," Kevin Crawford, an MMC senior, said. "Even though it didn't seem like we were doing much, it probably went a ways to help out the people there, as well as the children."

Service to Haiti



Stephanie Smith and Philip Galyon can't help but fall in love with the orphanage children.

"I enjoyed seeing the kids very well nourished, happy, playing, wanting to sit on my lap and needing my attention," added Lynn Dunlap, who works as the head of maintenance at a factory in Ohio. "One of the challenges was remembering what type of power (generator, electric company, or inverter) we were using and what equipment I could run. I also learned a lot about how an orphanage is different from a children's village. I like the idea of six to eight children in an apartment with a nanny because it seems more like a family situation."

Cheryl Smith, an instructor of nursing at MMC, was given a first-hand look at what health care looks like in Haiti. If a child is admitted to the hospital, which happened during our time there, an adult must stay with the child at all times to bring food and medications, neither of which are supplied by the hospital.

"What I learned was that it is often the little things that we do in life that can make a huge difference in one's life. God wants us to be cheerful and eager in whatever we do, as though we are working for the Lord, rather than for people (Colossians 3:23)," she said. "I feel that we accomplished this as a team and I am grateful that I was able to have this opportunity to participate with all of the fine and wonderful MMC Haiti team members."

The idea of making a difference was a common theme throughout both weeks of the trip, and at many times, was the primary motivation in the midst of many challenges.

"(It was hard) not being able to talk with the kids in English, but we managed," said Ellyn Dunlap. "I learned that even though Haiti is a very poor country and they need so much help, a few people can make a huge difference in the lives of 39 children by taking care of them like a family. That means I don't have to save the world. I can look for someone or a few people to help and make a difference in their lives whether it's in my own community or somewhere else."

Courtney Lancaster, a junior, had a similar reaction to the trip: "Most of the time, I don't really feel like I make any difference in the world. I am a speck on a planet full of billions of people. Through the experience with Hands & Feet, I realized that just being there meant everything for these children. Just being there, ready to give what little love I have to share. I am nobody special. I am just an average person. However, just a little bit of my time meant a great deal. All they wanted was somebody to hold them, somebody to love them, somebody to care. It was so easy to see God in them. It really makes me realize how much I take the ones that love me for granted."

The Hands & Feet Project is making a world of difference for 39 kids in Haiti...and for the mission teams that often receive from those kids just as much love as they give to them.

How are you making a difference today?



Spring Service Day



Southside Elementary Reading Day



Haiti Relief pancake breakfast

- Student Organizations -



Student Nursing Association



Phi Gamma Mu



Lion's Club



Fellowship of Christian Athletes



International Student Organization



Art Club



Martin SERVES



Student Christian Organization



Student Activity Council



Sigma Beta Delta



Leadership Development Team



La Connexion



Thomas Martin Society



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We did it!

MMC reaches momentous milestone 1,000 students

Martin Methodist College has reached the 1,000-student enrollment goal for the first time in history . . . and has done so a year ahead of schedule.

As the first days of classes – both day and evening – concluded at the end of the week, officials put the number at 1,007 students, including 782 full- and part-time day students, 164 evening college students, and 61 dual-enrollment students (local high school students taking a Martin Methodist course on their high school campus). That represents a 4 percent increase over last year's enrollment of 971 students – and a remarkable 60 percent increase since the spring of 2001 when the Board of Trustees formally approved the Martin 2010 long-range plan which set growth to 1,000 students as a major

goal; the enrollment at that time was 631 students.

"As the 2009-10 school year opens at Martin Methodist we recognize that we have reached a watershed moment in the College's history," President Ted Brown told students, faculty and staff at Opening Convocation. "Not only have we begun our 140th academic year, but we achieved another record enrollment – our seventh year in a row with record growth. While all the registration numbers are not yet finalized, I am proud to say that our enrollment stands at 1,007 students . . . and for anyone who is even remotely familiar with the Martin 2010 plan, you recognize that this 1,000-student goal is a central tenet of the plan."



Freshmen



Lindsey Adams
Anastasia Aleshcheva
Penny Allen
Tanner Andrews
Leonardo Araujo
Jessica Ayers



Shaylise Ballentine
Brittney Blalock
John Bowen
Jeremy Brenner
Amanda Brown
Daniel Brown



Kyle Brown
Morsa Brown
Kristin Brumit
Melanie Brumit
Kayla Bullington
Brittany Bumbalough



Bradley Burgess
Jake Calton
Martin Campbell
Alicia Canerday
Genevieve Cano
Tatiane Carvalho



Barbara Cates
Jessyca Christopher
Samuel Christopher
Rachel Clanton
Jasmine Clark
Joseph Cox



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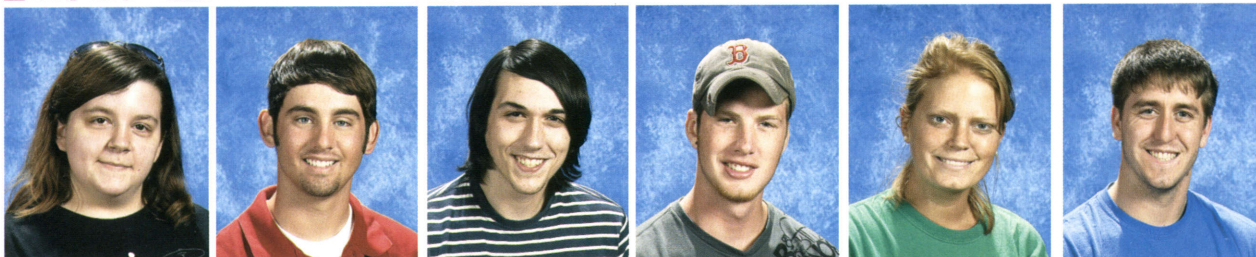
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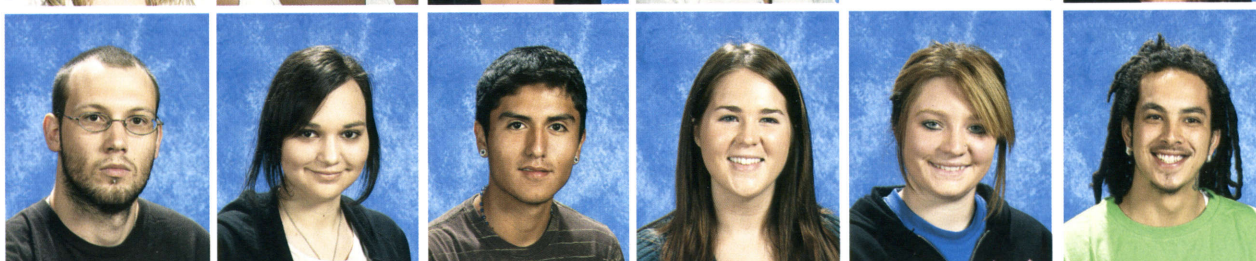
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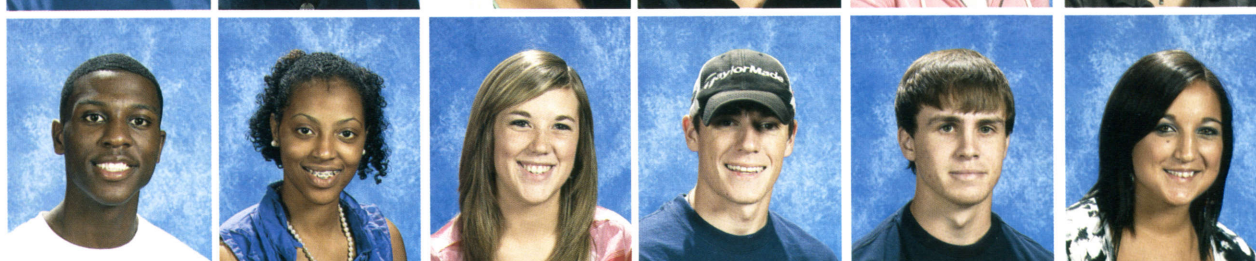
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Jonathan Letson
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Derrick Looper
Christine Lumbasio
Joshua Marks
Ryan Marsh
Shelby Martin
Britney Matthews



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Kristen McFann
Kelsey McGee
Jeffrey McLin
Timothy McMillian
Jodi Miller



Amber Mitchell
Jayne Moody
Jennifer Moore
Adam Morrison
Shane Murli
Desmond Murphy



Ruthie Nelson
Samantha Nightingale
Kipanga Nkulu
Jamarva Nelson
Nic Oliver
Victoria Orman



Virginia Orman
Samantha Overson
Jordan Owens
Tyler Parsons
William Patton
Amelia Pereira



Autum Perry
Centerica Phelps
Kayla Philips
Courtney Pylant
Anna Queen
LaChanning Randolph

Laycee Ray
Shalyn Reed
Emma Reilly
Holly Robbins
Stephanie Robeson
Audrey Rogers



Memrie Roller
Troy Romine
Matthew Rosson
Ariel Sanders
Andrew Sandor
Richard Sands



Carlos Santos
Hannah Savage
Elizabeth
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Dakota Shouse
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Randall Simpson
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Nikki Thompson
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Clinton Thrasher
Kelsey Thweatt
Patrick Timms
Alyssa Tischer
Cofie Toy
Brianna Tubbs





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Shelby Wallace
Kameron White
Mary White

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Franklin Wilburn
Jessica Wilcox
Margaret Williams
Rachel Wolfe

James Woody
Michael Word
Kimberly Young

Sophomores

Megan Alcott
Tatiane Aleixo
Micah Anderson
Tara Anderson
Eric Armstrong
Ashley Baez



Matthew Baxter
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Marcy Blackburn
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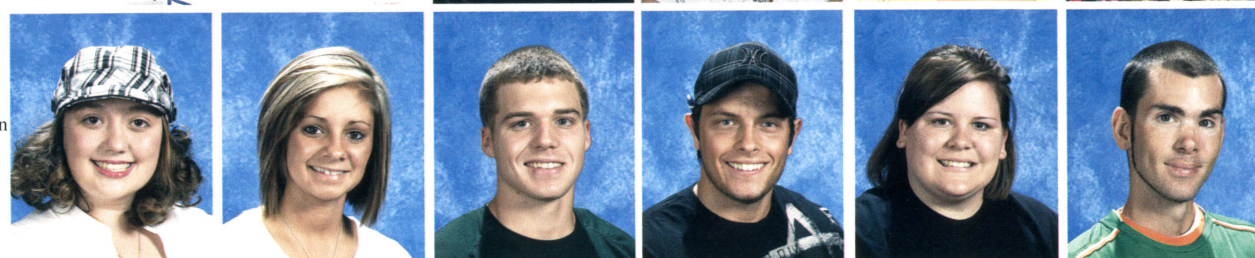
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Jessica McQueen
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Jeana Stanford



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Misti Alston
Kelsey Bacon
William Bailey
Crystal Baker
Joy Barrow



Alyssa Beavers
Andrew Beckham
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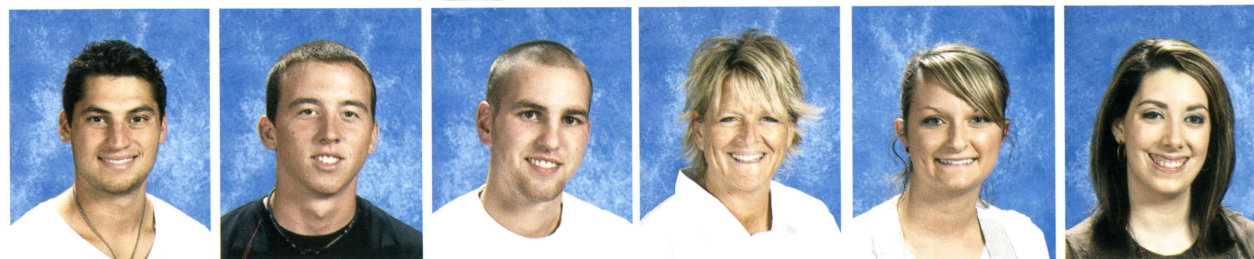
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Michael Gizewski
James Glass
Chris Goodwin
Sheila Graham
Krystal Hannah
Natalie Haywood





David Helmonteler
John Hollis
Kailee Hunsucker
Constance Inman
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Samantha James
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Lauren Jolley
Karli Kenley
Whitney King
Stephen Landis



Julianna Lawhorn
Rabecca Lowery
Whittney Luna
Angela Massey
Jerrold McMurtry
Whitney Moore



Carrie Morris
Shantel Nelson
Adriana O'Neal
Adam Oglivie
April Patterson
William Pomeroy



Melvin Prada
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Kiera Prosen
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Brett Seagroatt
Julie Shadrick



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Kathryn Stanfill



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Lianna Turley

Joseph Vance
 Dustin VanEst
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 David West
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Brock Williams
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Richard Anderson
Adam Andrews
Jessica Bain
Stephanie Ballentine
Tiffany Bard



Michael Bishop
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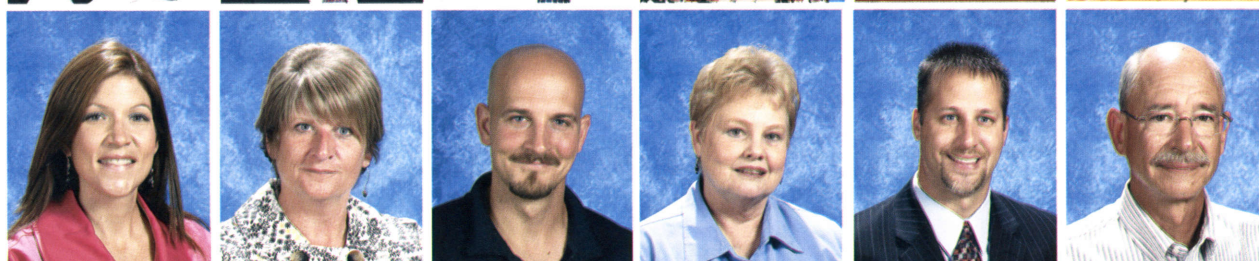
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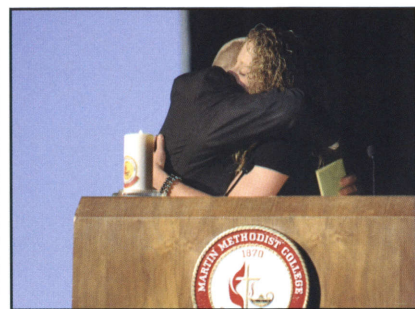
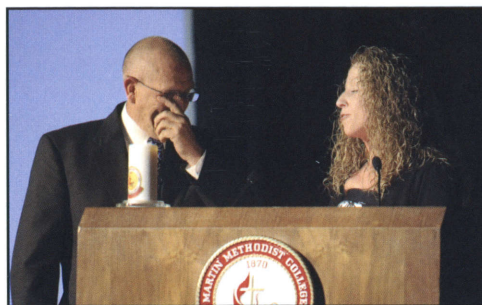
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The 2009-10 Nursing Graduate Pinning Ceremony



Above from left; Department of Nursing Chair Ken Burns opens the ceremony; senior Erin Schilling offers department secretary Gary Ohmann a gift of gratitude. Left, senior Brookes Cozart receives her pin.

Below, the senior class left to right: Allyson Barnes, Kathy Brown, Brookes Cozart, Maudessa Faulkner, Malori Glover, Erin Schilling and Brandon Wall.





Honors Convocation

Recognizing academic
and leadership achievements



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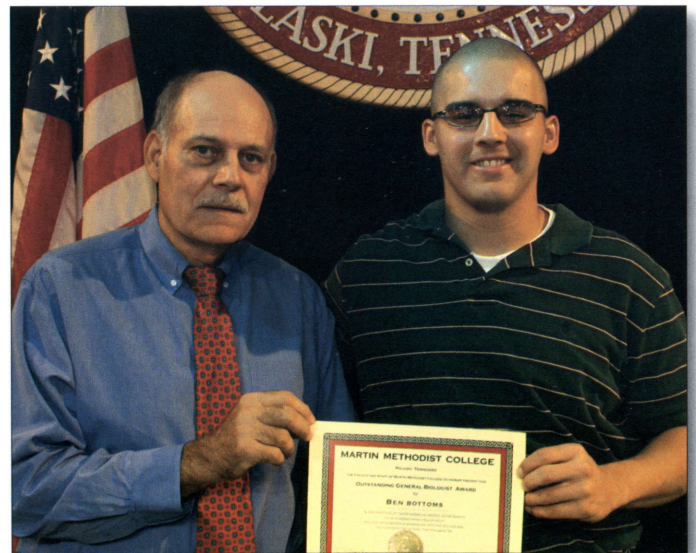
Behavioural Studies Award
Chris James (not pictured: Kathy Hankins,
Amber Brown, Linda Carter,
*presented by Dr. John
(and Sam) Lancaster*



E. Wayne Masters Bible Studies Award
Dustin Toone
presented by Dr. Pat Whittemore



D.J. Johnston School of Business Award
Chris Moore
presented by Tim Wilson

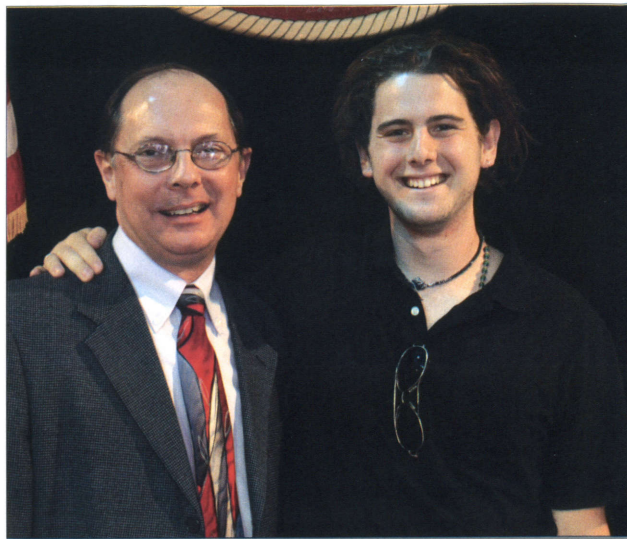


Biology Award
Ben Bottoms
presented by Morris Williams

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Hughes-fleming-Evans Music Scholarships
Front - Matthew Baxter, Steven Turner
Choir Awards
Back - Jeff Zarfe, Alex Abernathy
presented by Dr. Albert Hughes



Outstanding Christian Education
Student Award
Kevin Crawford
presented by Dr. Pat Whittemore



Criminal Justice
Stanley E. Newton Award for Excellence
Cynthia Crigger, right
Shelton-Roberts Award for Moral Courage in Criminal Justice
Sandra Gensburg, left
presented by Dr. John White



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Ecology Award
Kristen Burkhalter
presented by Morris Williams



Willie Mae Stanfill Stone
English Scholarship
Austin King
presented by B.J. Keaton



Outstanding Elementary
Student Teacher Award
Tara Peden
presented by Dr. Grace Meier



Outstanding Secondary
Student Teachers Award
Tyler Mereness - right
Dr. J. Maurice Roberts Outstanding
Teacher Award
Elizabeth Roller - left
presented by Dr. Kerbe Lee



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American Government Awards
James Coleman, Kelsy Dennis
Geography Award
Kaitlyn Moses
presented by Dr. Bill Rutherford



Honors Composition Award
Cofie Toy
presented by Dr. Brant Harwell



History Award
Dillon Manies, Allison Winters
presented by Dr. Ken Vickers



Religious Life Award
Courtney Daniel
presented by Rev. Laura Kirkpatrick

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Sport Management Award
Adam Andrews and his father, Dwight
presented by Tim Wilson



Taylor Honors Co-ordinators
Josiah Po'e, Katie Cooper
with Dr. Brant Harwell



Speech
Fidelina Diaz Jaime
presented by Guy Schafer



Sport Management Award
Mallory Jones
presented by Tim Wilson

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Royce Hughes Physical Education Award
Lora Beard
presented by Dr. Daniel McMasters and Royce Hughes



D.W. Johnston School of Business Award
Chris Moore
presented by Tim Wilson



Tom Read Athletic Academic Awards
Camilla Hovden, Shayne Rollins
presented by Jeff Bain



Management Information Systems Awards
Will Bailey, Lauren Jolley, Michael Bishop
presented by Tim Wilson

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Elan Vital (Vital Force) Award
Katie Cooper
presented by Robby Shelton



Imago Vera (True Image) Award
Jenny Brewer
presented by Dr. Jack Gregory

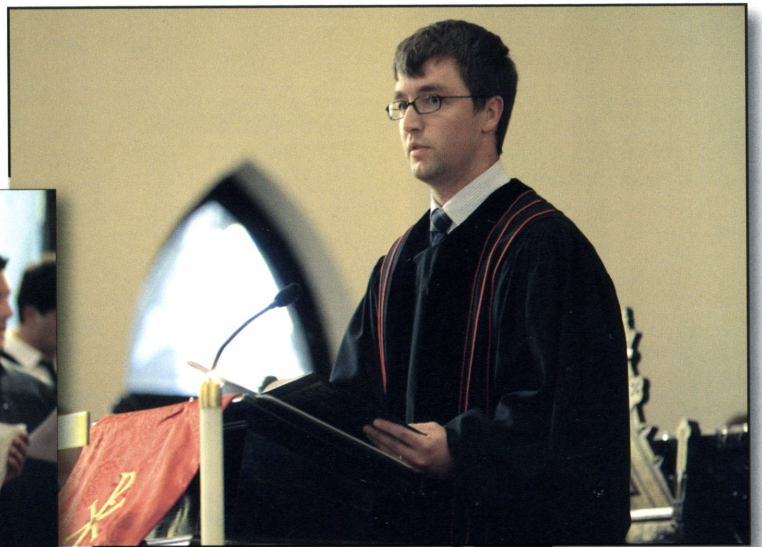


Bill and Harriet Norrie Music Scholarships
Kevin Crawford, Hannah Kennedy
presented by Dr. Albert Hughes with Harriet Norrie

- Baccalaureate -



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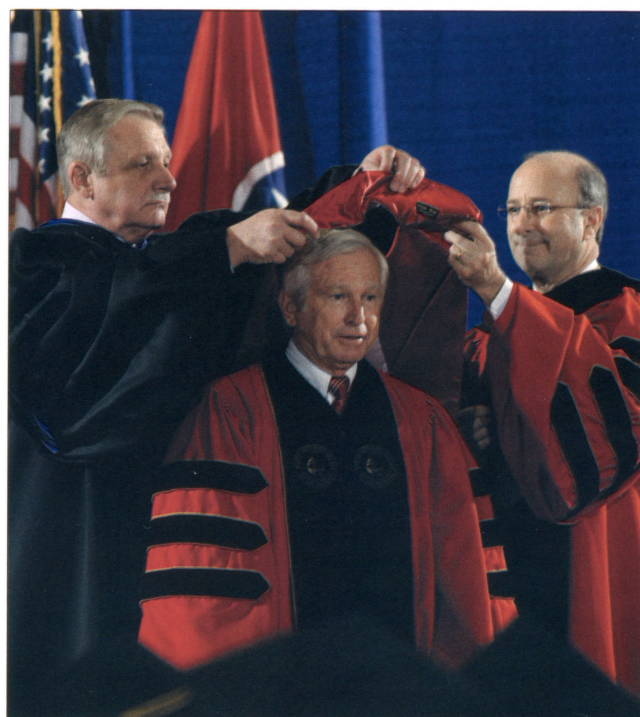


Martin Methodist College Graduating Class 2010

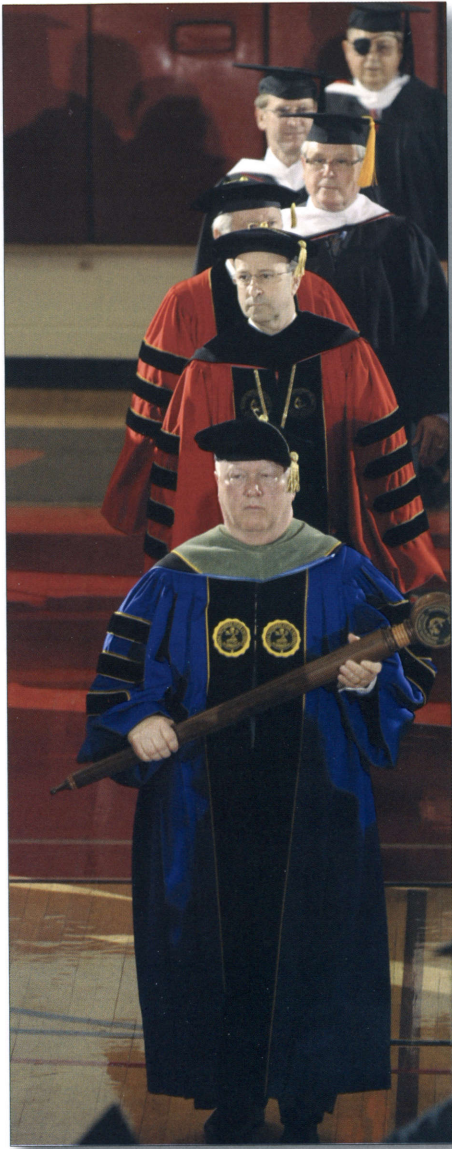


God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless these graduates as they now finish this course of study. We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way. Walk with these graduates as they leave and move forward in life. Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose. Strengthen their many talents and skills, instill in them a confidence in the future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Andy Langford
United Methodist Book of Worship*



Among the highlights of the ceremony was the presentation of the honorary Doctor of Leadership Arts degree to Michael W. Barton of Nashville, a member of the Board of Trustees for the past 17 years and chairman from 1999-2007, who was a chief architect of the Martin 2010 long-range plan adopted by the trustees in 2001 which has guided the college's remarkable growth and progress over the past decade.



Ovation

The most emotional moment of the morning occurred with the awarding of two degrees – a Bachelor of Business Administration in Sport Management, cum laude, and a Bachelor of Science with secondary licensure – to Adam D. Andrews of Collinwood, Tenn., who has been confined to a wheelchair since an injury in his senior year of high school left him without the use of his arms and legs. His name brought the entire senior class and faculty to its feet, followed by a prolonged standing ovation from all in the arena. A moment later, an honorary bachelor of business administration degree was presented to his father, Dwight, who spent the last four years accompanying his son to every class and assisting him day in and day out. Again, the ovation was immediate and deafening.

—Grant Vosburgh



After his son, Adam, received two degrees cum laude, Dwight Andrews received an honorary bachelor of business administration degree (left). Father and son shared a quiet moment despite a roaring standing ovation (above).

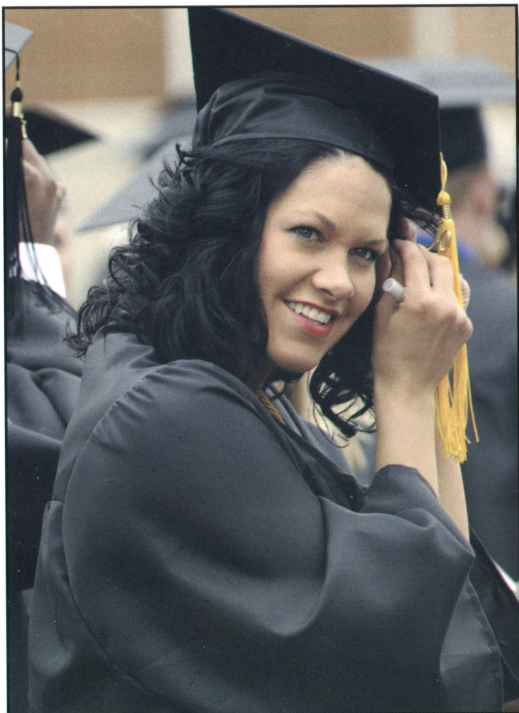


President's Award

Biology major Kristen Burkhalter, right, received the President's Award for the highest grade point average in the Class of 2010.







***Congratulations
Bryan and
Stephanie!***

***Hats off
to MME!***

Congratulations

**Bobby
Hoban!**

***From Rodney
Carrington***

Julius,
Wishing you the
very best in all
that you do.
Congratulations!

Thomas, Julie, Michael,
Mitchell and
Matthew Nelson



Miranda Cravens

Since you began school,
you have striven to be at the top.

We are very PROUD of YOU
and appreciate all of your hard work.

Love,
Mom and Dad

**Congratulations
PJ Roper
on your
graduation!**

**We are so proud of you
and your
accomplishments!**

Dad and Mom



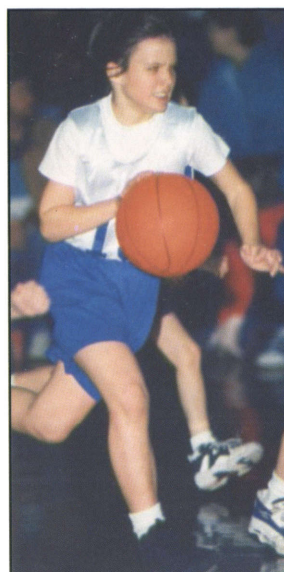
Julius,
***I pray that God
will fill your heart
with dreams,
and that faith will
give you the
courage to accom-
plish great things!***

Mom

Whitney Sue

It seems like only yesterday you were learning to dribble a ball,
And look at you now, so beautiful and tall.
I am proud of everything you have done,
all the good grades you have made and all the games you have won.
I cling to the memories of you as a little girl.
The world is your oyster and you are a precious pearl.
Now that you are ready to be on your own in this big world,
Just know you will always be my baby girl.
Love,
Mom

We all love you and are very proud of you.
Mom, Eddie, amanda, Chris, Aubrey, Bailey, Johnny and Emily



Julius,

Do not fear
the future.
For you are
the future.
Congratulations!

Julius "Chuch," Curline,
Jeremy, and
Chris Meriwether

Julius,

Congratulations!

Uncle Joe

Robert Hoban

**Congratulations
to a wonderful son!**

Mom and Dad

Julius,

**Remember the past,
live in the present,
look forward
to the future.**

Congratulations!
Julian Virgo

Julius,

**Graduation is not
the end; it's the
beginning.
Wherever you go,
go with all your
heart.**

Love you.

Auntie Jackie and Johannes

Congratulations Julius

**Keep on striving,
trusting and believing
that you can do
all things through Christ
that gives you strength.**

The Stovall Family

Julius,

**Congratulations on your
accomplishments!
Wishing you happiness
and success in pursuing all
your goals and dreams.**

**Me maw, Sharron,
LaTrecia, Brandon, Shawna
and Family.**



The many faces





of fun and friendship







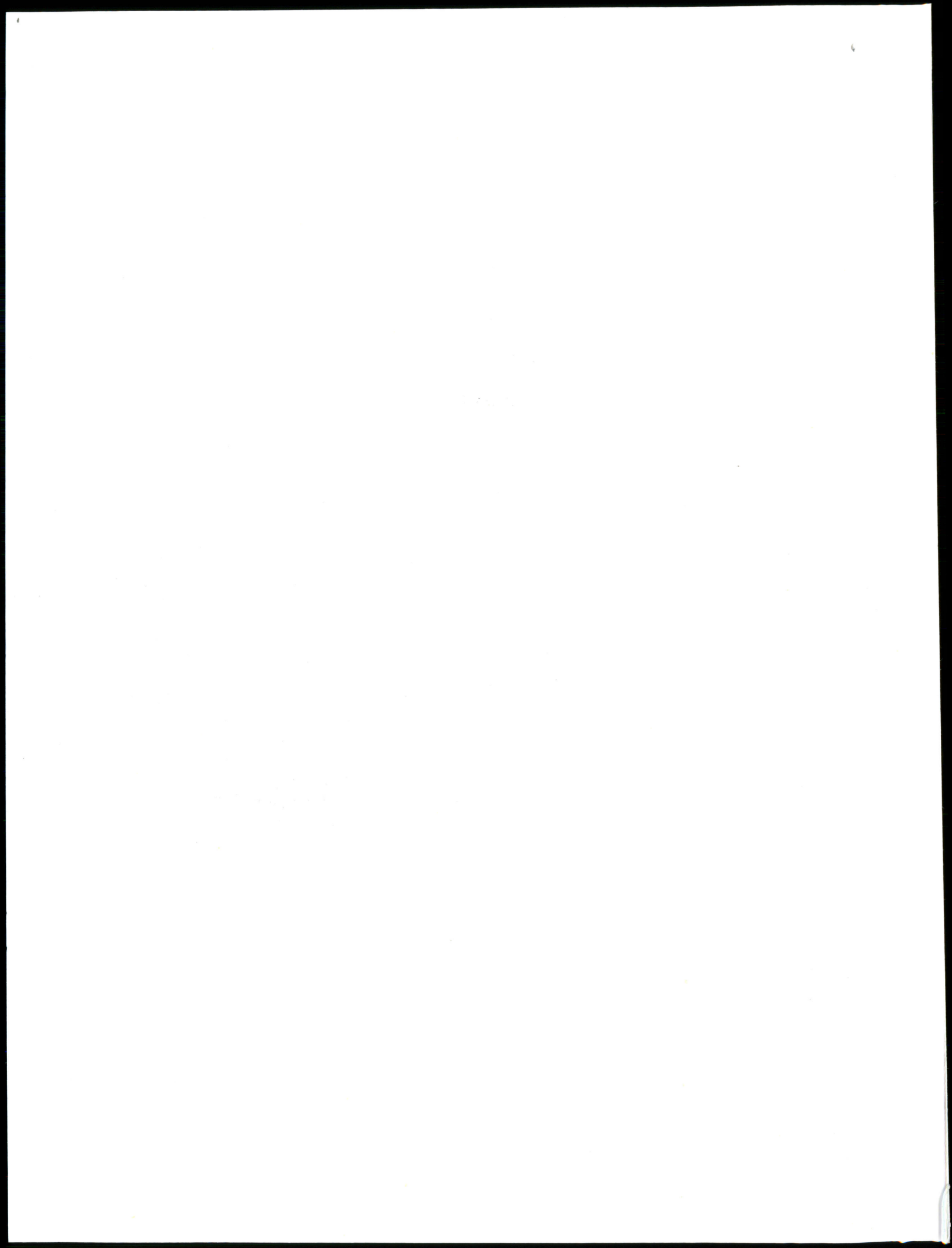


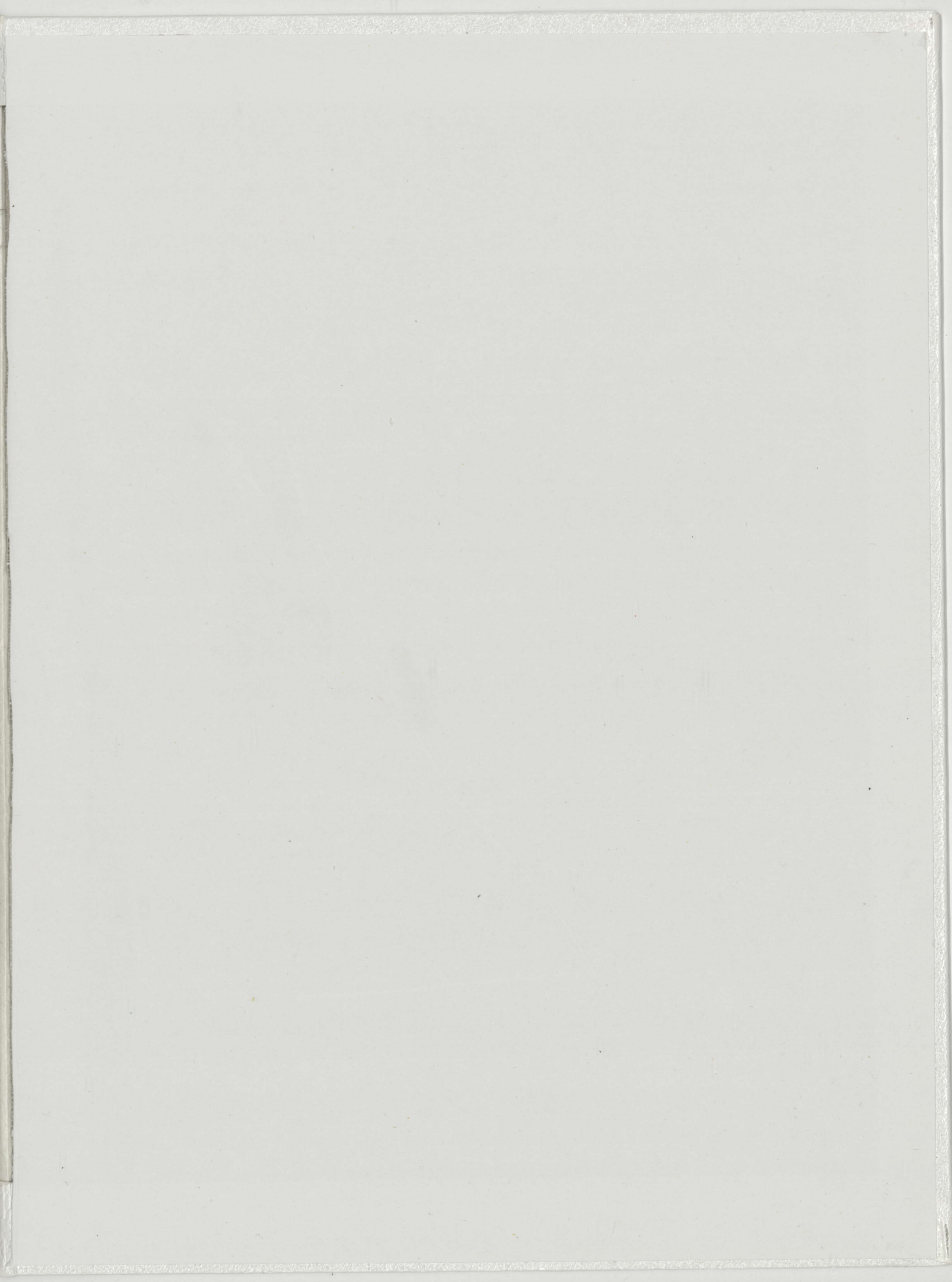












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